

ENGLISH LITERATURE A LEVEL

A Level English Literature is a two year course that covers prose, poetry, drama and a coursework component.

Why study English Literature?

- for the opportunity to read widely and in depth and to study some texts of your own choice;
- to gain the skills of analysing texts and understanding their place in society;
- to develop your powers of spoken and written communication;
- to develop your reasoning and critical thinking skills;
- to undertake independent study and research.

For Higher Education

Some students will go on from this course to study English Literature or related subjects; some will begin vocational training in the media or journalism; others take up a wide variety of courses from nursing to Law or Biology. English Literature is a highly regarded course by leading universities and colleges and proves to be an excellent companion subject for all of those across the arts and sciences.

Teaching

Learning how to study independently, how to make the most of a tutorial, how to work in a 'syndicate' with other students, how to prepare for and deliver presentations, how to critically analyse a range of texts: all of these skills seem daunting at first. Don't worry, we want you to develop and succeed and are here to guide and assist you. Your teachers are available for additional tutorial support outside of lessons.

Examination Board: Edexcel

A Level English Literature:

On this course you learn the skills of how to read other peoples' writing - whether that be from a play, novel or poem - and how to explore your ideas and reactions to that writing through discussion and essay writing.

Those skills are at the heart of the whole course; you will prepare for written examination papers and have the opportunity to be assessed by coursework too.

Assessment

There are 4 components assessed; 3 through examination and 1 through coursework.

The examinations are held in June.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students will need to achieve a grade 6 or above at GCSE.

Students achieving a Grade 5 GCSE will be considered sympathetically and considered on an individual basis should they be interested in studying English Literature, English Lang/Lit, Media studies.

For more information, help or advice about English Literature contact:

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