
A Level English Literature





This course encourages knowledge and understanding of a range of literary texts including prose, poetry and drama. You will read a variety of texts and will be expected to conduct significant independent reading. You will engage with texts and apply your knowledge of literary analysis and critical theories to the works studied. You should enjoy reading and be prepared to read set texts independently outside of taught classroom sessions, in addition to extensive wider reading.

Level Level 3

Specific course entry requirements

College entry to include a grade 5 in GCSE English Language and a grade 5 in GCSE English Literature. (please refer to the Entry Requirements section page 24 for further details).

What will I study?

You will study a range of literary texts including poetry, prose and drama, with the addition of independent wider reading. You will analyse how texts relate to one another and certain literary traditions, plus how texts are interpreted by different readers, including during different time periods.

To get the most out of your course, you should be an enthusiastic reader and be prepared for extensive reading, including reading around the subject to inform your interpretation of texts.

You should be willing to justify your ideas during class discussions and in written essays, and enjoy working both independently and in a group.

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed through external examinations and coursework.

Where will this course lead me?

English Literature is a facilitating subject; a widely recognised academic subject that can be combined with arts, science or mathematics for entry into Higher Education. It prepares you for careers which require good communication skills such as teaching, law, civil and social services, journalism and media, librarianship and management.

