



English Literature

Course Information

The English Literature A level has a dynamic and engaging approach to learning. Through a wide variety of literature, students will gain confidence in expressing their ideas in class, learning how to prepare for written examinations in poetry, prose and drama.

The general aims of the A level course is to encourage students to develop interest and enjoyment in literacy studies through reading widely, critically and independently.



Course Content

The course will involve reading and writing about a whole variety of texts in many different forms. There will be regular essays on the set texts, unseen pieces to be tackled, coursework to complete and notes of different kinds to be made.

The new AQA Literature B specification focuses on two key themes – aspects of tragedy and elements of political and social

protest writing. Students will study at least eight set texts, including *Othello*, *Death of a Salesman*, *The Handmaid's Tale*, and a range of Keats and Blake poetry.

A level students will sit two examinations at the end of Year 13 where they are examined on six of the set texts. They will also submit a piece of coursework. The coursework unit focuses on a poetry text and a prose text, linked to the AQA Critical anthology. Students write two responses between 1250-1500 words, and one of these can be a creative response.

Entry Requirements

Students must achieve a minimum of 3 A*-C grades, including a minimum of a grade 5 in English

Future Opportunities

This course will develop key skills of communication, critical analysis and appreciation of diverse texts. Improving your learning through different ways of thinking will ensure that you are prepared for a multiplicity of occupations post university, including journalism, teaching and the law. Your enjoyment and knowledge of literature from different periods and genres will be significantly enhanced, ensuring lifelong learning for your future.



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