

English Literature

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

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Why choose the subject?	<p>This course will appeal to anyone who genuinely enjoys reading and discussing books. It develops the work on literature undertaken in GCSE English and English Literature courses and it will develop your own language skills as you study examples of other people's writing. There will be opportunities to visit the theatre and full advantage should be taken of these.</p> <p>The course will build up an overview of English Literature through the ages and across the different forms (poetry, novels, plays) and will provide an excellent preparation for students wishing to study a broad range of subjects at university.</p>
What will I do on the course?	<p>For A Level English Literature, students will study at least eight texts over the two years. The course encourages students to develop critical awareness and understanding of individual works of literature, of relationships between texts and of the significance of cultural and contextual influences upon readers and writers. One component of the course is the non-examined assessment. Here students will have an opportunity to select their own texts for comparison. This will lead to an extended piece of independent writing and offers scope for investigating aspects of literature in which the student has a particular interest. There will be two examinations at the end of the course.</p>
Who is eligible?	<p>Anyone who enjoys reading analytically, thinking, listening, talking and writing. You need to have achieved at least a grade 6 in English GCSE and English Literature too. The course is suitable for anyone who enjoys studying literature.</p>

A LEVEL QUALIFICATION

Year 2019/21 Advanced Level Award Examination Board: OCR	Component 01 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shakespeare Drama and poetry pre-1900 	Drama and poetry pre-1900 (Closed text) 2 hours 30 minutes written paper 60 marks 40% of total A level
	Component 02 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close reading in chosen topic area Comparative and contextual study from chosen topic area 	Comparative and contextual study (Closed text) 2 hours 30 minutes written paper 60 marks 40% of total A level
	Component 03 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close reading OR re-creative writing piece with commentary Comparative essay 	Literature post-1900 Non examined assessment 40 marks 20% of total A level

STUDENT VIEW English Literature



Having begun English literature A level tentatively, it soon became my favourite subject despite it being one I felt less confident in. The support and encouragement I received from my teachers was invaluable and enabled me to flourish. English is approached from a less individual perspective than other subjects, involving a lot of group discussion, and I have therefore had the support and expertise of not only my teachers but also my fellow classmates. The essay-based assessment method has been a great skill for me to learn, particularly when studying maths and psychology. It is a comfort to know that I am able to construct competent essays going forward into university, as well as making it easier to answer long questions in psychology. The course covers texts from a variety of genres and eras, and includes opportunities to make an individual choice about which texts to study for coursework.

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