

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

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

STUDENT VIEW English Literature



English is by far my favourite subject, even though my other subjects are STEM based and I'm going to study medicine, it is so useful to have a contrasting subject that can teach you analysing and essay-writing skills. The teachers are so helpful and give you lots of personalised feedback and always volunteer to go through additional work in their extra time. The lessons involve a lot of group work and discussion and you've got the opportunity to choose your own text to study and write your own poem for coursework!

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