

English Literature



What our students say:

“The atmosphere in lessons is perfect, because it makes us grow together as a class. The lessons are interesting and fun, and I can see my work getting better from feedback.”

Why this course is right for you:

Literature is a prism through which we understand the world around us, as it is now, and as it was in the past. This course compels you to interrogate the greatest pieces of literature ever written, to discuss and debate meanings and interpretations, and to have a voice.

English Literature A Level is dedicated to critical thinking, evaluation of high order concepts and writing coherently and fluently. The skills you develop as a student of this subject will empower you for life. Learners encounter a rich range of literary texts and develop skills of reading, analysis and synthesis. Wider reading is an essential part of the course. Communication, including the ability to discuss the critical context of texts and expressing ideas in an academic register, is at the heart of the subject.

If you are interested in a career in academia, journalism, teaching, law, advertising, or anything which requires the ability to form an argument and write with skill, study English Literature.

What you need to know:

Exam Board: EDUQAS

Who to speak to: Ms Jefferson

Topics Covered:

Unseen prose and poetry
Charlotte Brontë's 'Jane Eyre' alongside 'Wide Sargasso Sea' by Jean Rhys.
The poetry of Larkin and Duffy
Prebble's 'Enron' alongside Marlowe's 'Dr Faustus'
Milton's Paradise Lost
Shakespeare's King Lear

Assessment:

Year 1:

In-course assessment to ascertain priorities for Year 2; first draft of coursework

Year 2:

80% summer examination
20% coursework

Entry Requirements:

Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and Grade 5 in GCSE English Literature required
Grade 6 in GCSE English Language and Grade 5 in GCSE English Literature desired

Co-curricular/trips:

Theatre trips, guest speakers from universities and an overnight trip to visit the Brontë parsonage in Haworth, Yorkshire