

English Literature

Exam Board: AQA (A)



Course Summary

A Level English Literature aims to extend enjoyment and appreciation of a variety of literature drawn from a wide range of literary periods and genres.

As part of the course, you will discover aspects of a central literary theme as seen over time, using unseen material and set texts. You will also explore aspects of literature connected through a particular period, either 'Love through the Ages' or 'Modern times: literature from 1945 to the present day', considering its social, political, personal and literary legacies.

Throughout your topics, you will be encouraged to work independently and to read widely across authors and times to allow you to encounter and reference a range of ideas and opinions relevant to the central area of study. You will have the opportunity to complete a comparative critical study of two texts, considering similarity and difference, critical views and interpretations, as well as developing and expanding on themes of your own interest.

Entry Requirements

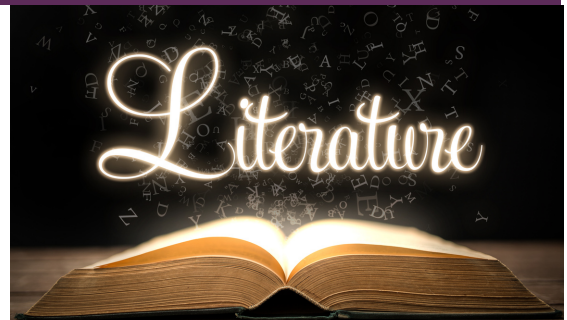
A Grade 5 or higher in GCSE English Literature is required.

Course Assessment

This is a linear course. This means that students opting for this subject will be committing to a two year course with one non-exam assessment unit and two examinations at the end of Year 13.

Where might it lead?

English Literature A Level can lead to careers or further education in fields such as theatre, publishing, journalism, marketing, PR and teaching. Many other students pursue routes in business, law, and the social sciences. However, the communication skills and cultural knowledge gained in this subject effectively support a diverse range of disciplines.



“ When discussing different texts, we also explore literary theory and politics, developing our critical understanding and building our ability to form perceptive arguments. Lessons are always filled with lively debates about our different interpretations, which improves each person’s confidence when establishing their own opinion. JESSICA ”