ENGLISH LITERATURE A LEVEL

We offer both AS and A Level English Literature: 1 year for AS, 2 years for the full A Level. The course covers prose, poetry, drama and a coursework module in the A Level, which could include an element of creative writing.

Why study English Literature?

to give yourself the chance to read widely and in depth and study some texts of your own choice to gain the skills of analysing texts and understanding their place in society

to develop your powers of spoken and written communication.

to develop your reasoning and critical thinking skills

to undertake independent study and research

For Higher Education

Some students will go on from this course to study English Literature or related subjects; some will begin vocational training in the media or journalism; others take up a wide variety of courses from nursing to Law or Biology. A highly regarded course by leading universities and colleges. English Literature proves to be an excellent companion subject for all subjects across the arts and sciences.

Teaching

Learning how to study independently, how to make the most of a tutorial, how to work in a 'syndicate' with other students, how to prepare for and deliver presentations: all of these skills seem daunting at first. Don't worry, we want you to develop and succeed and are here to guide and assist you. Your teachers are available for additional tutorial support outside of lessons.

The Course Examination Board: Edexcel

AS/A Level English Literature:

On this course you learn the skills of how to look at other peoples' writing - whether that be from a play, novel or poem - and how to explore your ideas and reactions to that writing through discussion and essay writing.

Those skills are at the heart of the whole course; you will prepare for written examination papers and have the opportunity to be assessed by coursework too.

Assessment

AS: 2 units are assessed; both through examination.

A Level: 4 units are assessed; 3 through examination and 1 through coursework.

The examinations are held in June.