

English Literature

A Level (Edexcel)

A level English Literature is exciting and challenging and given high credit by universities and employers. A level English Literature will give you the skills you need to meet the demands of any university course or job where you need to read analytically and write academically and will open your mind to new ideas.

Entry Requirements

- **Minimum Standard:** Five or more grades at 4+ in GCSE or equivalent, including English and Maths.
- **Additional Criteria:** Minimum standard with a 5+ in English Literature.

What will you learn?

You will explore a range of exciting texts, both modern and from the literary canon, that cover a wide scope of genres often not studied at GCSE. You will analyse the impact of language in literature and consider the writers' intentions and contextual significance. A Level English Literature takes the skills you learn at GCSE and refines them; the focus now is your interpretation of texts not your ability to memorise them. You can even take the texts into the exam with you! Drama – you will study 'A Streetcar Named Desire' by Tennessee Williams and 'Othello' by William Shakespeare. Prose – you will study 'The Handmaid's Tale' by Margaret Atwood and 'Frankenstein' by Mary Shelley. Poetry – you will study 'The Poems of the Decade' Anthology (20 modern poems by a selection of poets) and a selection of poems from the Romantic period by poets such as Percy Shelley, Lord Byron and William Blake.

How will you learn?

You will learn through a combination of close text analysis, critical reading, contextual study, and independent comparative essay writing.

- Text Annotation & Close Reading: Mark up themes, structural shifts, and linguistic devices in your set texts.
- Contextual Exploration: Research the historical, social, and cultural backgrounds of when texts were written and received.
- Critical Debate: Engage with different critical opinions and form your own independent, argued personal responses.
- Comparative Practice: Write thematic essays linking multiple texts and practice analyzing unseen literature under timed exam conditions

How will you be assessed?

80%

Written Examinations

Three papers covering

- Drama (30%),
- Prose (20%)
- Poetry (30%).

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Coursework (NEA)

An independently completed coursework assessment.

Where will it take you?

Almost anywhere you want to go! English Literature is a well-respected A Level both at university and in employment. Russell Group Universities rate it highly even if you don't go on to study Literature at degree level. Jobs could include: journalism, law, marketing, business, teaching, publishing and many more.

Who should you talk to?

Please speak to Mrs Pollard or email:
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