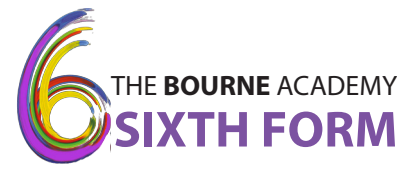


# ENGLISH LITERATURE

## A LEVEL (EDEXCEL)



Do you have imagination? Do you enjoy reading and analysing a text? Then you will enjoy A Level English Literature. A Level English Literature is exciting and challenging – and given a lot of 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/or write academically and will open your mind to new ideas.

### **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 be assessed?**

At the end of Year 13, you will take three exams that cover the Drama, Prose and Poetry texts. You also undertake a piece of coursework over the course of the two years which is worth 20% of your final grade. The coursework essay will be a 2500 word comparative essay based on a chosen text that you study in lessons and a text you choose yourself based on your interests.

### **How will you learn?**

You will have 5 lessons per week and will also be expected to work for at least a further 5 hours independently.

### **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?**

If you have any questions, please come and speak to Mrs Donna Pollard (KS5 Co-Ordinator in English) or email [donna.pollard@thebourneacademy.com](mailto:donna.pollard@thebourneacademy.com)

### **What will you need to study the course?**

You will need to have at least five GCSEs at grade 4 or above and you will need to achieve a grade 6 in either English Language or Literature. You will also need a genuine enthusiasm for the subject and a commitment to the independent reading of literary texts and production of high-quality work.