

English Literature

A Level

Examination Board: AQA

Aims of course:

To encourage candidates to develop the following:

- Analytical skills
- Close reading skills
- Extended writing abilities
- A holistic understanding of literature and its historical contexts

Programme of study

Level	Unit Name	Unit Description
Year 12	Paper 1	Love through the Ages
Year 13	Paper 2	Texts in Shared Contexts: Modern Times
Year 12/13	NEA (Coursework)	Independent Critical Study (Texts across Time)

Approaches to learning:

In English Literature students study the full A Level course over two years. All students study all three literary forms: drama, poetry and prose. There are five assessment and learning objectives:

- The ability to articulate informed, personal and creative responses to literary texts, using associated concepts and terminology, and coherent, accurate written expression;
- To be able to analyse ways in which meanings are shaped in literary texts;
- To be able to demonstrate understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which literary texts are written and received;
- The ability to explore connections across literary texts;
- The ability to explore literary texts in a way that is informed by different interpretations.

Who is this course aimed at?

Students who wish to pursue further study in English or a related field, or students who are simply interested in achieving a greater understanding of literary and historical contexts.

Minimum entry requirement:

GCSE Grade 6 in English Language and English Literature + 3 GCSEs A*– C including Maths

All subjects will be terminally examined at the end of two years, with internal exams throughout year 1 and 2.

Please note: The course is dependent on numbers registering their interest to study at A Level. The subject will only run if there are sufficient student numbers.