



A Level Courses 2024

English Literature



Entry Requirements

Minimum:

Standard Entry Requirements:
5 GCSE's at a grade 4 or above and Grade 5 in GCSE English.

What will you learn:

Paper 1: Love through the Ages. The study of three texts (one Shakespeare text, one pre-1900 prose text, a range of love poetry through the ages). Students will discover how representations of love have changed over the years and the role historical context and literary movements have in shaping Shakespeare, prose and poetry. Students will also develop their analytical skills and their ability to apply literary terms and concepts.

Paper 2: Modern Times (literature from 1945 to the present). Students explore 3 texts (one poetry, one prose and one drama). This paper explores both modern and contemporary literature's engagement with some of the social, political, personal and literary issues which have helped to shape the latter half of the 20th century and the early decades of the 21st century. Non-exam assessment Students produce a comparative critical study of two texts. Students will develop their own critical perspectives in this independent study.

Elements of the course:

This course provides an exciting opportunity for students to explore a wide range of literature and how it reflects and tackles the lives and experiences that created it. A foundation of excellent texts will be explored through class-based sessions, but extensive independent reading across a range of styles and genres will be essential. A lot of the texts studied will be thematically linked to support students' critical engagement with the works, and to develop the strong comparative skills required in parts of the examinations.

Where could it take me?

The majority of our literature students go on to university. As a facilitating subject, literature offers a broad springboard to a range of subjects and disciplines including literature, history, journalism, law and creative writing. It is highly regarded by the top universities in the country.

Assessment:

Two examination papers are taken. There is a coursework component which contributes 20% of the overall marks to the A Level only.