

A Level English Literature



Why study English Literature? Because the study of literature is essentially the study of the world - how society works, how people work, how people interact, how people often shouldn't interact- it gives us an understanding of the complexity of the world around us in an imagined sense. And every emotion we'll ever feel, every situation we'll ever face, every relationship we'll ever have has already been written and is waiting to be explored. By you.

Subject specific entry requirements

Grade 5 in English Literature and English Language GCSE

Exam Board

Edexcel English Literature (2015)

Assessment

The course is divided into four units.

Component One: Drama (2hrs, open book exam)

- Shakespeare: *Othello*
- Play: *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Tennessee Williams

Component Two: Prose (1.15hrs, open book exam)

Two texts on a common theme. Current prose texts are:

- *The Handmaids Tale*, Margaret Atwood and *Frankenstein*, Mary Shelley

Component Three: Poetry (2.15hrs, open book exam)

- Selected poetry: Christina Rossetti/The Romantics/Metaphysical Poetry
- Poems of the Decade: An Anthology of the Forward Book of Poetry
- Unseen Poetry

Component Four: Non-exam Assessment (coursework)

- Free choice of two texts to study
- 2500-3000 words

This course will lead to:

Studying English Literature leads to a broad range of careers from journalism, marketing and PR, publishing to TV and media.

“I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship.”