



English Literature

English Literature will encourage students to develop their interest in and enjoyment of literature and literary studies as they: read widely and independently; engage creatively with texts; develop and apply knowledge of literary analysis; explore contexts of texts; deepen their understanding of the changing traditions of literature in English.

The course is specifically designed to give learners extensive depth and breadth in their studies of literature.

Student Profile

An A level English Literature student should:

- Have a keen interest in reading a range of texts from different genres and periods.
- Be hard-working and manage time effectively.
- Make contributions to discussions in lessons and be willing to share and discuss ideas about texts and other writer's work
- Work independently.
- Be able to write essays.
- Be able to reflect on their work and make efforts to improve work.

Course Content

A Level

Component 1: Drama—Study of two Tragedy plays; *A Streetcar Named Desire* and Shakespeare's *Othello*. 30%

Component 2: Prose—Two prose texts that explore the theme of Science and Society: *Frankenstein* and *The Handmaid's Tale* (one pre-1900 text and one post 1900). 20%

Component 3: Poetry—A selection of modern post-2000 poetry from *Poems of the Decade: An Anthology of the Forward Books of Poetry 2002–2011* and a selection of poems from the Romanticism movement. 30%

Component 4: Coursework—An extended comparative essay. (20%)

Skills Gained

The ability to explore and analyse a wide variety of classic literature.

The appreciation of classic and contemporary literature novels, drama and poetry.

A firm grounding of essential reading of all genres that will create a well rounded learner, appealing to Universities.

The Future - What Next?

- University degree in English or other subjects.
- A Level English Literature is regarded as a facilitating subject.
- Careers in teaching, media, publishing, business, law and many other professions.

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