



WHY CHOOSE ENGLISH LITERATURE?

English Literature has always been a popular choice at A Level and our results have been excellent. It is a course for students who enjoy reading as well as developing their ideas through discussion and through writing.

We offer a stimulating course which covers a wide variety of literature, with class discussion and small group work remaining important features of English Literature AS and A2 Level teaching. Students who opt for this subject find it an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

HOW USEFUL WILL IT BE?

As well as an essential qualification for a wide range of Higher Education courses, especially those relating to the worlds of communication in the Arts and the media, there are few areas of life which do not benefit from increased skills of personal expression. The course is also rewarding and enjoyable in its own right.

As an AS Level subject, English Literature can complement scientific, technological and economics based subjects, enabling you to demonstrate the breadth of your interests.

WHAT WILL YOU NEED TO DO TO BE SUCCESSFUL?

To study this subject you will need a minimum of five GCSE subjects at Grade A*-C. You should be prepared to undertake an independent reading programme and have an interest in literature. You must have a B or above in English Literature GCSE and a C or above in English Language GCSE.

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY ON THE COURSE IN YEAR 12 – THE AS LEVEL?

Students will follow an AS course for the first year which builds on the skills, knowledge and understanding acquired by candidates at English and English Literature GCSE. Assessment at the end of the first year can be taken as a stand-alone specification or as the first half of the full A Level.

The course requires the study and understanding of a range of texts within a particular theme through close reading. At the same time you will be encouraged to think about the contexts in which these texts were written and about the different ways they were read in the past and can be read now. There will be visits to the theatre and conferences.

HOW IS THE AS LEVEL ASSESSED?

There will be two assessed units which comprise one examination, accounting for 60% of the marks, and a coursework unit worth 40% of the total AS marks.



WHAT WILL YOU STUDY ON THE COURSE IN YEAR 13 – THE A2 LEVEL?

The second part of the course together with the AS qualification makes up a full A Level. This entails the study of a further range of texts covering all genres and both modern and pre-twentieth century, within the framework of “love through the ages”.

HOW IS A2 LEVEL ASSESSED?

Students will take one examination and complete one coursework unit which is worth 40% of the total A2 marks.

HOW MUCH TIME WILL YOU HAVE TO SPEND ON PRIVATE STUDY/RESEARCH?

AS Level: at least 4 hours per week

A2 Level: at least 5 hours per week

