

A-Level English Literature

Why English Literature?

This A Level is an ideal choice for anyone who loves reading and books, and is interested in the big questions affecting human existence. It is also a highly respected A Level that can be instrumental in helping students gain university places in a variety of subjects.

Students will also develop academic prowess through a subject that promotes the development of transferable skills. English students are taught to think analytically, consider different interpretations and listen and respond to one another sensitively in preparation for the seminar style environment they are likely to find at university. One of the most important skills you will learn is how to write coherently and critically. This is an essential skill that will aid you in other subjects and is invaluable in higher education and the world of employment.

What can I expect?

Throughout this course you will be encouraged to develop interest and enjoyment in the great writings of English Literature from a wide range of historical periods. You will read plays, poetry and novels, old and new, looking at how styles vary and interpretations change through time. You should do this subject if you love reading, enjoy discussion and debate, and care about social, political and moral issues which affect everyone. Whilst it is an advantage to enjoy reading as a leisure activity, it is by no means a pre-requisite. We select texts and design courses with an eye to developing enjoyment alongside appreciation.

What do I need?

Be prepared to read widely - other texts by the same writers as well as the texts themselves. Grade 5 at GCSE English Literature.

What about the future?

Skills gained through the study of English Literature are particularly useful for careers in publishing and printing, journalism, public relations, social and pastoral care, teaching and library and information management.

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