

English Literature

Qualifications

Exam board: AQA 7712 (A Level)

A Level English Literature (two year course only)

Entry Requirements

A minimum of 5 passes at grade 5 or grade 6 (including English and Maths). A minimum of a grade 6 in English recommended. A grade 5 will be considered with a grade 6 in the reading aspect of the language paper.

Skills Required

Do you have a curiosity about life and human nature? Or a desire to observe, question and explore the nature of relationships? Are you perceptive, creative and inquisitive? Are you a maverick, unwilling to follow the crowd?

This course will advance your burgeoning interpretative, creative problem-solving and evaluative skills. You will develop your ability to engage with and analyse a range of texts, satisfy your love of reading and hone your fluent and accurate writing style.

Course Outline

Love through the ages: Study of three texts: one poetry and one prose text, of which one must be written pre-1900, and one Shakespeare play.

Texts in shared contexts: You will study three texts: one prose, one poetry, and one drama, of which one must be written post-2000 from either: Option A: WW1 and its aftermath or Option B: Modern times: literature from 1945 to the present day.

Independent critical study: texts across time: You will complete a comparative critical study of two texts, at least one of which must have been written pre-1900.

Student Testimony

“The subject allows you to explore texts in your way, allowing you to develop your own opinions and, more often than not, engage in heated debates, defending your views.”

“English Literature has allowed me to delve deep into the recesses unknown and made me appreciate history, writers and the written word more than ever before: a fantastic experience and an exciting subject recommended for all.”

Career Paths & Degree Courses

Academically respected by universities and employers, the study of English Literature develops creative, analytical, and evaluative cognitive skills that are widely applicable. English Literature is one of the most popular degree courses offered at university and many graduates go into print and television journalism, publishing, law and teaching.

Year 12 and 13

Love through the ages

3 hour written examination

40% of A level

Texts in shared contexts

2½ hour written examination

40% of A level

Independent critical study: texts across time

Coursework - 2500 words in total

20% of A level