



Advanced Level

English Literature



What is the A-Level English Literature?

An historicist approach to the study of literature rests upon reading texts within a shared context. Working from the belief that no text exists in isolation but is the product of the time in which it was produced, English Literature encourages students to explore the relationships that exist between texts and the contexts within which they are written, received and understood. Studying texts within a shared context enables students to investigate and connect them, drawing out patterns of similarity and difference using a variety of reading strategies and perspectives. encouraging students to debate and challenge the interpretations of other readers they develop their own informed personal responses.

Subject Information Sheet



Course Content and Assessment:

- Linear exams across 2 years
- Assessment is through 2 external exams and 1 non-exam assessment

- Paper 1: Love through the ages; Study of 3 texts: 1 poetry, 2 prose that must include 1 Shakespeare play
- Paper 2: Texts in shared context; Choice of 2 options

Course Overview:

Paper 1: Love through the ages.

- Written exam: 3 hours
- Open book section C
- 75 marks (40% of A Level)

Paper 2: Texts in shared contexts

- Choice of 2 options:
- Option 2A: WW1 and its aftermath
- Option 2B: Modern times: Literature from 1945 to the present day
- Study of 3 texts; one prose, one poetry and one drama, of which one must be post 2000.
- Written assessment: 2 hours 30 minutes
- Open Book
- 75 marks (40% of A Level)

Non- Exam Assessment: Independent critical study: texts across time

Comparative critical study of two texts: at least one of which must have been written pre 1900.
One extended essay (2500 words)

- 50 marks
- 20% of A Level

Learning Methods:

Learning will be based within the classroom. Students will be exposed to different texts to discuss. Peer and group work will enable discussion and debate within the classroom.

Students will be expected to independently complete the NEA with guidance from their teacher.

Career Opportunities:

Opportunities to progress to University or apprenticeships in all areas of Law, Social sciences and journalism

Entry Requirements:

- Grade 6 or above in English
- Grade 5 or above in another written subject

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