

Advanced Level

Course Aims:

Subject Information Sheet



English Literature enhances your knowledge of the world and fosters the habit of critical thinking. It helps you to explore psychology and the human condition. English Literature allows you to explore your thoughts and empathetic side. This is a subject where readers are urged to put themselves in other people's situations and experience other people's emotions.

This subject will encourage you to explore the relationships that exist between texts and the contexts within which they are written, received and understood.

Course Content and Assessment:

Paper 1: Love through the ages - study of three texts: one poetry and one prose text, of which one must be pre-1900, and one Shakespeare play. Examination will include two unseen poems.

Assessed

- written exam: 3 hours
- open book in section C only
- 75 marks
- 40% of A-level

Paper 2: Texts in shared contexts - You will have a choice of two options: WW1 and its aftermath or Modern times: literature from 1945 to the present day.

Study of three texts: one prose, one poetry, and one drama, of which must be written post-2000.

Assessed

- written exam: 2hours 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) and a bibliography.

Assessed

- 50 marks
- 20% of A-level
- assessed by teachers
- moderated by AQA

Learning Methods:

Close study of texts in and out of class with wider critical reading and study, including independent research. Note making, discussions in class. Hand-written assignments and use of ICT for NEA.

Career Opportunities:

There are several different routes you can take after completing your A Level with us such as:

- Journalism
- Broadcasting
- Publishing
- Writing
- Marketing

Entry Requirements:

- Grade 5 or above in GCSE English Language along with a Grade 4 orabove in Maths.
- You should have a strong GCSE profile overall with a Grade 5 in another written subject such as History, Geography or Media Studies.

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