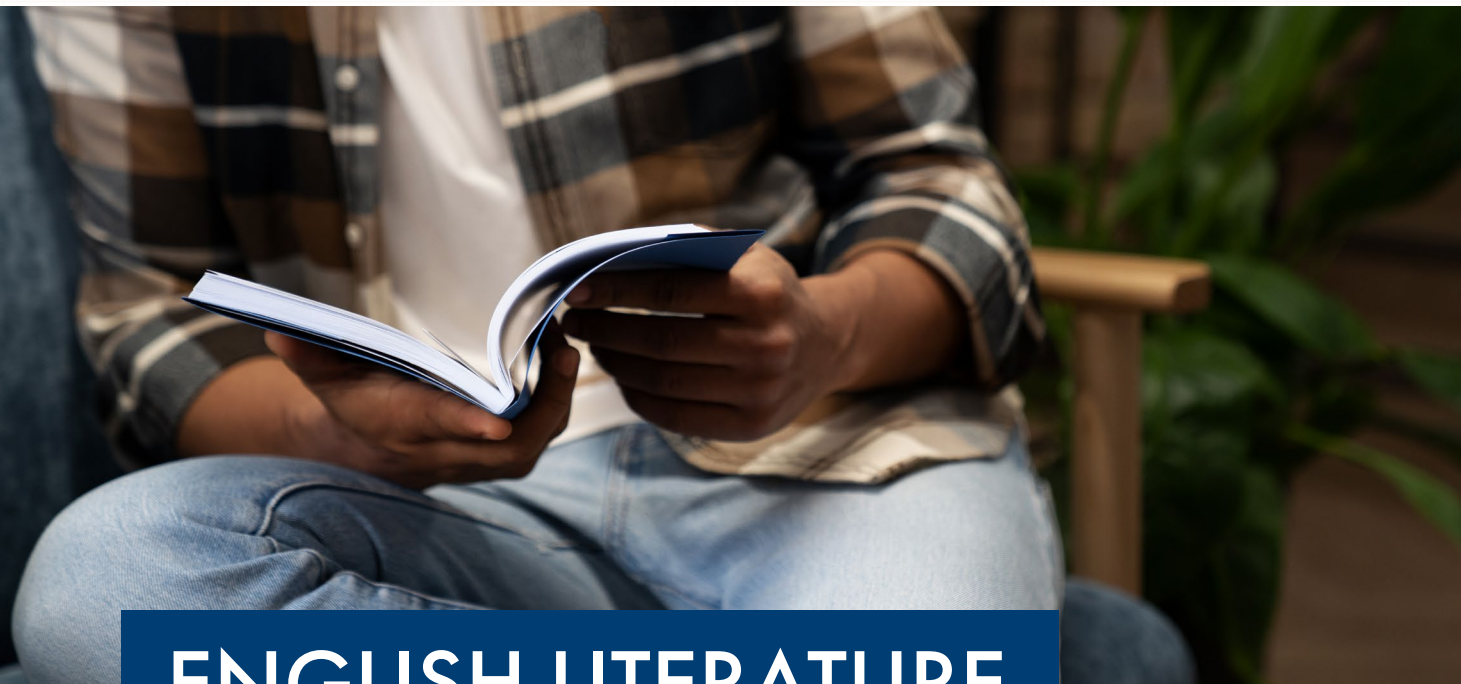




ENGLISH LITERATURE

A Level

Course Outline

The course takes many of the skills acquired during GCSE to a higher level. To be successful you need to be enthusiastic about reading and studying literary texts. You will be introduced to the traditions of English Literature across time, and will develop the skills to enable you to read widely, independently and critically. You will develop a wide vocabulary with a good knowledge of critical literary terms. Many of the set texts are very up to date and deal with issues of interest to young people.



Useful skills and experience

A love of reading and exploring Literature. Good essay writing skills are useful, as is an ability to contribute to lively class discussions. You should enjoy using and manipulating language and be organised and committed.



How will I learn?

Hopefully a major factor in your learning will be a genuine enjoyment of the subject and thorough textual study. We use a range of interactive strategies including group research projects, class presentations, close textual analysis and Google Classrooms to support independent learning. The new specification exposes students to exciting literature from a variety of eras and places including 'The Great Gatsby', 'Rebecca' and 'The Handmaid's Tale'. In addition, Shakespeare's 'Othello', the play 'A Streetcar Named Desire', a collection of modern poetry 'Skirrid Hill' and a pre 1900 poetry anthology.



Assessment

Ongoing assessment is via essays, written responses, group and individual research and presentations. Two examinations at the end of the course in Year 13 and the non-examined assessment.



Where could this subject take me?

Former students have undertaken successful study and careers in areas as diverse as journalism, marketing, advertising, Law, digital media, teaching and acting.



Exam Board and Specification

AQA



Entry Notes

Grade 4 in both GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature.



Complementary Subjects

- Media Studies
- Film
- History
- Modern Foreign Languages
- Drama and Theatre
- Psychology
- Philosophy and Ethics
- Visual Arts



Related Additional Activities

- Senior Youth Speaks
- Theatre visits to the PAC
- Visiting authors/writers
- Short Story competitions
- Writing for the Grammalogue
- English Prefect



What our students say

I really love English Literature as it allowed me to explore topics I wouldn't normally consider and broaden my knowledge. I felt like a traveller across time and the world.

