

English Literature A Level

Exam Board: AQA

Subject Specific Criteria:

- Grade 5 in English Language
- Grade 5 in English Literature

Assessment:

Two examinations:

Component 1: Aspects of Tragedy

Two essay questions on Shakespeare text

One essay question on a modern drama and poetry

2 hours 30 minutes

40% of qualification

Component 2: Elements of Crime Writing

One essay question on an unseen Crime extract

One essay question on a single studied text

One essay question on two studied texts

3 hours

40% of qualification

Component 3: Non Examination Assessment

Two extended coursework essays, each 1200-1500 words, one exploring a prose and one a poetry text through different critical perspectives.

20% of qualification

Skills Required:

- A love of reading
- The ability to think critically and analyse texts
- Good written expression
- The ability to work independently

Course Information:

English Literature is a varied, interesting and challenging course. You will experience a range of different genres, forms and viewpoints and understand how to explore literature through the lens of genre and theory. You will develop your ability to study independently and grow in confidence in expressing your ideas. There is the opportunity to develop your critical and creative writing. This unifying approach facilitates the inclusion of a range of wider reading, extending your experience and appreciation of literature. The variety of assessment styles allows students to develop a wide range of skills, such as the ability to read critically, analyse, evaluate and undertake independent research which are valuable for both further study and employment.

Future Opportunities:

An A Level in English Literature is a huge asset to any future career path. It is a widely respected qualification which complements a range of other subjects. Studying English Literature demonstrates your ability to think critically and to explore and express your ideas which is crucial in any area. You may choose to go on to study further with a degree in English Literature or combined Language and Literature, and many universities offer this as one of their most highly regarded academic courses. Alternatively an A Level in English Literature can open your career path to a wide range of other areas, as it demonstrates a range of transferable skills which are highly sought after by employers.

Subject Enrichment:

- Regular theatre trips
- Debating