A Level English Literature



Entry Requirements

To study English Literature at A level you will need grades 5+ in GCSE English Literature and English Language.

Knowledge & Skills gained:

- Study diverse texts ranging from those first published and performed in 1300 to post-1990 texts, including Shakespearean classics.
- To explore the wider contexts of texts from all different parts of the world.
- Focus on critical literary skills, contexts and interpretations by other readers.
- Analytical, evaluative and synoptic skills.
- To give students a good understanding of the changing traditions in literature in English.

Complementary Subjects

There are no requirements to study English Literature along other specific subjects, but many of our students also take English Language A level and complementary subjects such as History, Law, Sociology and Religious Studies.



Future Opportunities

University - A-level English
Literature is useful for a wide
variety of Higher Education
courses such as Linguistics,
English Language, Psychology,
Sociology, Law, Medicine and
Journalism. Even students who
move completely beyond the
subject will have become better
language users who can express
thoughts more precisely and
persuasively – skills valued in all
areas of life.

Employment opportunities

 English Literature is a popular and well-respected subject. As a result there are many areas of employment that students of English Literature enter into.
 This includes (but is not limited to) teaching, journalism, advertising, publishing, law and media