

What is English Literature A Level?

Doing English Literature will develop your interest and enjoyment of reading widely and learning to critically analyse. As you progress through the course you will be able to explore a wide range of time periods and critical concepts. English students have to work independently and be confident to share their own interpretations of the texts we read.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

What content will I cover?

Paper	Topics	Weighting	When?
1: Love through the ages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Poetry ✓ Prose ✓ Shakespeare Play 	40%	Year 13
2: Texts in shared contexts (Modern Times: Literature from 1945 to present day)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Prose ✓ Poetry ✓ Drama 	40%	Year 13
3: Non-exam Assessment: Independent critical study: texts across time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Comparative critical study of two independently chosen texts (one of which must be written pre-1900) 	33.3% of A-level	Year 13

How will I be assessed?

Two Exam Papers and one 2,500 word essay.

What skills will I develop?

- ✓ Reading widely and independently
- ✓ Engaging critically and creatively
- ✓ Develop and apply knowledge of literary analysis and evaluation
- ✓ Explore the contexts of texts and others' interpretations of them

WHERE CAN ENGLISH LITERATURE A LEVEL TAKE ME?

English Literature is an A Level extremely well-regarded by all universities and will demonstrate that you are able to read widely and independently and develop your own interpretations of different texts.

WHAT DO I NEED TO ACHIEVE?

7 in English Literature

RECOMMENDED READING:

A Little History of Literature – John Sutherland

A Brief History of English Literature – Dr John Peck and Martin Coyle

The Student's Guide to Writing: Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (Palgrave Study Guides: Literature) – Dr John Peck and Martin Coyle