

English Literature

Aims of the course

The course aims to further inspire your love of reading and literature as well as developing your critical and analytical skills. It will link your prior learning of narratives, poetry and drama with new advanced literary concepts including theory, which will bridge to further study at university. The course intends to help you hone your own interpretations of complex texts through a variety of critical lenses.

What is the outline of the course?

Overview	Content	Marks
Paper 1 – Aspects of Tragedy	Classical Tragedy – Othello by William Shakespeare	75 marks
	Domestic Tragedy- Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller	150 Minute Exam
Paper 2 – Elements of Social and Political Protest	The Handmaids Tale by Margaret Atwood	75 marks
	The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini Song of Innocence and Experience by William Blake	180 Minute Exam
Non-Exam Assessment- Theory and Independence	Coursework Prose Coursework Poetry	50 marks

What skills will I learn?

You will develop a range of transferable skills such as:

- Written communication: essay writing and developing reasoned arguments with in-depth analysis. Developing a clear line of argument and expressing yourself with ease and purpose.

- Verbal communication: sharing ideas in discussions around a variety of literary texts, applying your own knowledge, and discussing how texts can present key historical and social issues.
- Linking texts to key historical and social contexts. .
- Teamwork: listening to others’ viewpoints and working together to in small groups and as a whole class.
- Analysing a range of literary texts from different social and historical periods.
- Reading and research skills: develop your independence, especially during coursework where you will choose your own texts to analyse using literary critical lenses.
- Understanding literary theory and applying critical lenses to independent study.

What careers can English Literature lead to?

English Literature is a prestigious A Level well respected by universities. As well as English Literature it can link with degrees in History, Politics, Sociology and many more.

English Literature can lead to careers in Journalism, Teaching, Politics, Academia and much more. The skills of creating a strong line of argument and analysing in depth and detail is a useful skill for many careers.

Further information

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/a-level/english-7717/specification>

	A*	A	B	C	D	E
2025	1	0	5	7	2	1
2024	4	6	5	1	5	3
2023	2	1	2	8	3	0

What are the entry requirements?

Grade 5 in a GCSE English Language and Literature

Want more information?

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