



# English Literature

## Course objectives

The course encourages students to develop their interest in, and enjoyment of, English Literature by reading widely, critically and independently across the centuries and genres. It introduces students to an extensive range of texts, critical perspectives and appropriate textual responses

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## Main qualifications

- A Level

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## Awarding Body

- AQA

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## Duration/ Lessons per week

- 10 x 1 hour sessions over a two week timetable

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## Standard entry requirements

- Grade 6 & 5 English Language & English Literature GCSE—Minimum grade 5

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## Progression opportunities

- The subject will provide you with a highly regarded A Level which is readily accepted as entry to a wide range of degree courses, as well as offering a good grounding for careers in areas such as journalism, publishing, law and the civil service.

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## Course content

### **Paper 1: Aspects of Tragedy**

- A Shakespeare Text
  - 1 Drama text.
- 1 Pre-1900 text.

### **Paper 2: Social and Political Protest Writing**

- 1 Post - 2000 prose text.
  - 1 Poetry Text
- 1 Pre 1900 Text.

### **Coursework**

Study of two texts: one poetry and one prose text, informed by study of the Critical Anthology.



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## Assessment

### Paper 1: Aspects of Tragedy

- written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes
- closed book
- 75 marks
- 40% of A-level

### Paper 2: Social and Political Protest Writing

#### Assessed

- written exam: 3 hours
- open book
- 75 marks
- 40% of A-level

#### Coursework

Two essays of 1250–1500 words, each responding to a different text and linking to a different aspect of the Critical anthology

One essay can be re-creative. The re-creative piece will be accompanied by a commentary

- 50 marks
- 20% of A-level
- assessed by teachers, moderated by AQA

## Costs

- Students will need to purchase course texts independently. Students will be advised on text editions.
- We hope to make theatre visits available to students throughout the course. The cost of these is usually in the region of £10-£30 for a one day visit
- The course aims to develop students as informed, independent readers who come to an understanding of meaning through close study of a range of texts. The course also develops students' knowledge of the context of texts and of a range of possible interpretations. It provides students with opportunities for creative coursework and open text examination responses

## Additional information

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