

English Literature

Advanced Level

General Information

English Literature is an exciting and rigorous course that allows you to access a wide range of texts in their different forms. Your personal response to what you have read is constantly encouraged as you learn how to analyse writers' linguistic choices and understand how the contexts in which texts are written influence their production.

Lessons offer you a variety of ways in which to access texts from discussion to drama and the more traditional form of essay writing. The texts on offer range from the sixteenth century to the modern day. Coursework gives you the opportunity to produce a re-creative writing response.

Outside of lessons English Literature offers a variety of theatre trips and, where relevant, trips abroad that enhance your understanding of what you are reading. For example in the past we have travelled to the battlefields of Ypres and the Somme in connection with poetry from World War One.

Entry requirements

You should have at least a grade 4 at GCSE English.

You should also meet the general college entry requirements for Advanced Level study. Please refer to the current Prospectus - advanced programmes, entry requirements.

In this subject, particular skills and aptitudes will be required, many of which will be demonstrated by students' GCSE profiles.

Entry requirements might be changed in light of curriculum reform.



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Course content

■ Component 1

- Drama and poetry pre-1900

■ Component 2

- Comparative and contextual study

■ Component 3

- Modern Drama
- Modern poetry compared with a modern novel

How it is taught

The study of English Literature at advanced level can seem very different from that of GCSE with many students remarking that it feels like a different subject altogether. Lessons are incredibly varied, in a typical week you will discuss texts in pairs and small groups, research a text on the internet, debate a key issue surrounding a text or dramatised a key section. Independent learning is at the heart of the course and there is the clear expectation that you will be a committed and enthusiastic reader both in and outside of lessons.

Useful / common subject combinations

English Literature combines well with any other subject from Philosophy to Law.

Careers / HE information

The skills you acquire in English Literature are suitable for a range of careers and university courses including law, journalism and teaching.

Examination details

UNIT	TITLE	DURATION
Component 1	Drama and poetry pre-1900	2.5 hour exam
Component 2	Comparative and contextual study	2.5 hour exam
Component 3	Coursework	Coursework

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