English Literature

COURSE OVERVIEW

You will gain a wide appreciation and understanding of the traditions of English and American Literature. Covering a wide range of genres, authors and periods. The A level course consists of the study of:

- Eight texts, including at least two poetry, two prose and two drama texts, one of which will be a Shakespeare play.
- You will have the opportunity to study texts from several periods of English Literature, including writers as diverse as F Scott Fitzgerald, Rossetti, Ibsen and Armitage.
- In addition, there is a non-examined unit, comprising two essays: a piece of close textual analysis and a comparative study of two texts.
  You will develop your skills of analysis through the study of a wide range of poetry, prose and drama from different periods and explore form, structure and language, as well as the contexts and different interpretations of texts.

KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS DEVELOPED

- A genuine enthusiasm for literature and reading is essential.
- You need an inquiring mind and a genuine desire to learn through reading and analysing literature.
- An ability to analyse in detail what you have read and to communicate your ideas effectively is important.
- You will develop your written and verbal communication skills, analytical skills and develop a detailed knowledge of the period in which the literature was written by extensive research.

Qualification: **A-Level**

Awarding Body: **OCR**

ASSESSMENT METHOD

2 exam papers of 2 hours and 30 minutes.

Paper 1 – Drama and Poetry

Paper 2 – American Literature

2 pieces of non-exam assessed work totalling 3000 words which is worth 20% of the final grade.

OPPORTUNITIES AND CAREERS

Students with A level English Literature have a wide range of possible career and higher education opportunities. English Literature can be studied as a single subject in higher education or can be combined with a wide variety of other subjects. It could form a good basis for study in any arts-based subject in combination with, for example, history philosophy, law, politics, media and communication, or languages.
A very wide range of occupations is open to students with an A level in English Literature as the skills acquired are transferable to a variety of occupations. It can also be used as the basis to receive further training in careers such as journalism, teaching, the media or the law.

"I enjoyed the study of literature in detail, analysing texts and exploring the context in which they were written" …….. "it was fascinating studying different genres from different eras and learning about the author and what they were portraying "