

ENGLISH LITERATURE

COURSE OUTLINE:

Exam Board: AQA

The English Literature course involves the study of a range of texts from the literary heritage and modern texts. Students will be required to read a range of texts and analyse character, style of writing and portrayal of themes within them. The course is made up of three core units studied over two years, after which time the A level qualification is awarded.

Paper 1: Literary Genres - Aspects of Comedy

Students will study three drama texts, including 'The Importance of Being Earnest' and 'Twelfth Night'.

Paper 2: Texts and Genres - Protest and Power

Students will study the novels 'The Kite-runner' and 'The Handmaid's Tale', and 'The poems of William Blake'.

Non-Exam Assessment: Theory and Independence

Study of two texts and a completion of two coursework essays on texts of your own choice. One poetry and one prose.

SKILLS REQUIRED:

You will be required to read a number of texts and to engage in a variety of genre and styles. The ability to engage with texts outside your normal preferences and approach these in a positive, critical manner is vital. There is a lot of reading involved in this course; this should be considered when choosing it:

- You will learn the language of literary criticism and learn to understand the choices available to writers across a range of texts. You will learn the art of essay writing and referencing, these are important skills for any university course
- The skills of close reading and analysis as well as that of essay writing are transferable to a wide variety of other courses and careers notably the humanities, law and politics.
- A well established, traditional A level, a qualification in English Literature will enhance your future opportunities whether you proceed down an academic or vocational pathway post year 13.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

English A level can lead onto ALL humanities subjects both at A Level and University such as: Business, English, History and ALL courses that require you to have good communication skills and excellent written skills. This can also be applied to jobs after A Level. You can pursue a career in Teaching, Journalism, Law, Advertising, Public Speaker and Politics only to name a few.

