

English Literature

A LEVEL - OCR

What are the aims of the course?

Students will be encouraged to:

- Read a wide range of literary texts across genres and eras
- Learn how to analyse and appreciate literary techniques
- Develop a writing style which is appropriate for the study of literature
- Prepare for academic study at university
- Develop a love and enjoyment of literature

What does it involve?

- An in-depth study of nine literary texts
- Wider reading in terms of the context of literary texts and the literary critics
- Essay writing
- Learning how to analyse the written word

How is it assessed?

Paper 1

Written examination
2 hours 30 minutes
40% of A Level
Closed book
2 Questions: Two on Shakespeare, one on Drama and Prose.

Paper 2:

Written examination
2 hours 30 minutes
40% of A Level
2 Questions on the chosen topic area
Close reading and analysis
Comparative and contextual study

Coursework

20% of A Level
2 pieces on post-1900 Literature

Are there any specific entry requirements?

Students who wish to take A Level English Literature should have gained at least Level 6 in both IGCSE/GCSE English Language and English Literature.

Why is it a useful qualification?

- Improves essay writing, and analytical and annotation skills
- A good grounding for university study in any subject
- Considered to be a serious subject by universities when applying for Higher Education
- Excellent preparation for studying English Language/Literature at university

