English Literature



A Level

Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE English Literature and

Grade 5 GCSE in English Language.

Course Overview

English Literature is a fascinating and rewarding subject which allows students to explore the 'big ideas' about who humans are and how we behave. Students can pursue their own theories about texts and develop a personal engagement with the literature studied. English Literature also allows students to develop their own understanding of the cultural, intellectual and social context that surrounds the drama, poetry and prose from a wide range of historical periods.

English Literature helps to develop the analytical and critical skills necessary for a wide range of further study. It can be used in combination with a wide range of other subjects and is a widely respected qualification.

Exam Information

Duration: 2 YearsExam Board: AQAAS Level English Literature A 7711 / AS Exam in summer of year 12A Level English Literature A 7712 / A Level Exam in summer of year 13NEA (Coursework) 20% of A Level mark

Qualification Gained

A Level in English Literature.

Career Opportunities

A Level English can lead to university courses in English, History, Law and Journalism amongst others. It is relevant to a wide range of career paths, including education, law, the media and journalism.

Subject Links

Performing Arts, Dance, Theatre Studies, Media Studies, Psychology, English Language, History, Law, Philosophy "I love English Lit. because it's the subject where you have freedom to explore your own ideas and opinions. Because there is no one 'right answer' you can make your own arguments and learn from each other. It's very satisfying when you feel like you really understand a play or a novel, and it's also interesting to see where a lot of modern stories get their inspiration from."

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