

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Course Summary

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: Grade 6 or above in GCSE English Literature

COURSE OVERVIEW

Year 1: Students explore contemporary poetry, Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale*, and John Webster's *The Duchess of Malfi*, with a focus on historical and social contexts.

Year 2: Students study Shakespeare's *Othello* and Christina Rossetti's poetry, and complete a 2500-3000-word essay comparing two novels, allowing for a deeper exploration of their literary interests.

WHY SHOULD I STUDY ENGLISH LIT?

Studying English is perfect for those passionate about reading and writing, eager to explore global literature. It sharpens critical and analytical skills, broadening your understanding of human rights, justice, and politics through writers' views. Empathy, curiosity, and enthusiasm are key, building on the foundations of GCSE English Literature and Language.

WHAT COURSES CAN THIS PREPARE ME FOR AT UNIVERSITY?

An A-Level in English Literature prepares you for university courses such as English Literature and Language, Creative Writing, Journalism, Law and Theatre Studies, laying the groundwork for a range of arts degrees.

WHAT CAREERS CAN THIS SUBJECT SET ME UP FOR?

Studying English Literature offers careers in teaching, journalism, publishing, broadcasting, advertising, and law, including further study in Literature or related fields: strong communication skills gained are also valuable in any profession.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL

Paper	Content	Duration	Weighting
1	Drama	135 minutes	30%
2	Prose	75 minutes	20%
3	Poetry	120 hours	30%
4	Non-Exam Assessment	n/a	20%