



English Literature

Course Title

Advanced Level English
Literature

Awarding Body

AQA

Course Level

A Level – 2 Years

Course Description

The course covers the study of literature, building on the work completed at GCSE level. The texts that students will study throughout the duration of the course will cover two themes: Love through the ages and World War One. Students will study a range of prose fiction, poetry, drama and non-fiction texts that will span across a range of literary time periods. Students will also be expected to complete a range of wider reading outside of lessons. Teaching is primarily through group and class discussion, developing analysis skills.

Course Content

For paper one, students will focus on love through the ages. They will be assessed on their understanding of a Shakespeare play (*Othello*), pre 1900 love poetry and *The Great Gatsby*.

Students' second examination will focus on Modern literature. Paper two will assess students' understanding of three texts: one prose (*A Handmaid's Tale*), one drama (*A streetcar Named Desire*) and one poetry anthology (*The Feminine Gospels*).

In addition to the two examinations, students will also complete an independent coursework task which requires them to compare two texts across time. This task will allow students to explore an area of literature which they are interested in from their own wider and independent reading.

Assessment

- Paper 1: 40%
- Paper 2: 40%
- NEA: 20%

Progression Routes

The course offers, through a range of study, the chance to develop analytical skills. Students develop wider reading and research skills which will prepare them for further study. It can be used as the pathway to further study in higher education as well as being a recognised qualification, well known and well regarded by employers.

Entry Requirements

GCSE level 6 in English Language and Literature.