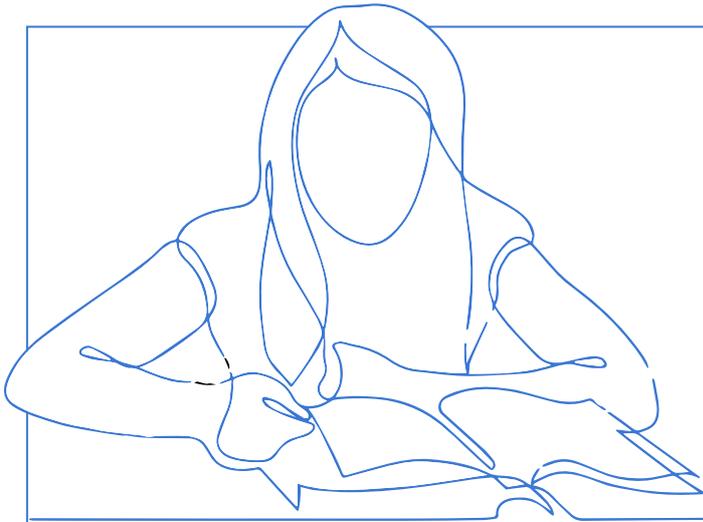


# English Literature



## About the course

Literature students have a love of literature and are curious, analytical in their study of texts and enjoy debating texts.

### Unit 1 Tragedy

You will study 3 texts from the Tragic tradition, one a Shakespeare play (Othello or King Lear), Arthur Miller's 'Death of a Salesman' and a selection of poetry by John Keats.

### Unit 2 Political and Social Protest Writing

You will study 3 of the following texts:

The Kite Runner; Henry IV Part I, A Doll's House, The Handmaid's Tale, Songs of Innocence and Experience and Poetry by Tony Harrison.

Here are just a few of the skills that English Literature students can boast of:

- Being able to craft a civil argument.
- Developing a confident, personal voice.
- An ability to understand different points of view and debate viewpoints.
- Research skills – when studying Literature you are entering into a conversation with the readers that have gone before you. You need to be informed about what others have thought.

Finally, thinking outside of the box is the crux of an English literature A level, so you are constantly pushed to unleash your creative side to enable you to approach a text in a unique way.

## Assessment

There are 2 exam papers, each worth 40% of the final grade.

The Non-Examined Assessment Unit is worth 20% of the final grade and comprises of two essays that explore the meanings opened up in texts when different critical lenses are applied.

## Careers

Here are some careers that a number of former A-level English literature students now follow:

- Teacher of English to children of all ages
- Working for publishers
- Astro-physics
- Linguistics and speech therapy
- Working as front of house in theatres / establishing art-house cinema
- Supporting a local MP's campaign / becoming chief press officer for a key government department
- Travel blogger
- Medicine
- Journalism

## Entry Requirements

At least a grade 5 in GCSE Language and a grade 6 in GCSE Literature.

Clear written communication skills.

You must have enthusiasm for reading a wide range of texts.



## Find Out More

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