



## English Literature (A Level)

### **What will the course involve?**

English Literature is the perfect subject for students who enjoy reading, thinking independently and evaluating ideas. This is a two year linear course from which you will gain a better understanding of interpretations of literary texts through methods of analysis, expressing this in cogent, detailed and critical essays. For the exams, you will read and compare a variety of literature, from classic plays to modern poetry, evaluating interpretations from your close reading of texts such as *Othello*, *Streetcar Named Desire*, and *The Great Gatsby*, in addition to analysing unseen prose and poetry in the exam. The coursework, which is worth 20%, is a 2500 word comparative essay and allows you to pick a novel of your choice from your own wider reading at A Level.

### **How will I be assessed?**

There will be two exams at the end of the second year (80%) and one piece of coursework (20%).

### **What skills will I develop?**

The study of English literature will develop a variety of skills, many of which are transferable to a variety of degree courses and careers. These skills include social skills such as debate and empathy, and more independent skills such as research and analysis. You will learn to evaluate written material from a variety of different perspectives, but will also need to be organised and reflective of your own writing.

### **Where can the study of English Literature lead?**

English is good for any job that involves communication, writing and/or literary knowledge. These include: advertising and marketing, writing and journalism, law, consultancy, business, teaching, performing arts, academia, government, linguistics, foreign languages, media and design.

Careers in the sciences, engineering, technology and maths also need more English than you think. Writing proposals, academic papers and articles and communicating with others is key to getting funding for projects and reaching people with your work.

### **Where can I get more information?**

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