
ENGLISH LITERATURE

Examination Board: AQA

Syllabus: 7712

WHY STUDY ENGLISH LITERATURE?

Students will have the opportunity to:

- talk, and express personal opinions, about HOW literature reflects society
- read widely and independently from a range of modern and canonical texts
- learn through supported teaching how to articulate and control lines of argument
- develop the ability to write academically and critically
- challenge conceptions independently to consider opposing viewpoints

THE A LEVEL PROGRAMME OF STUDY: How you will be assessed

| Unit | Unit contents | Assessment and duration |
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| Paper 1 – Love through the ages | Othello Unseen Poetry Pre-19 th century poetry combined with prose text | 3 hours 40% of A Level Closed Book |
| Paper 2b – texts in shared contexts. Modern times: Literature from 1945 to the present day | Unseen Prose Modern Poetry anthology Comparison of Prose text and drama text | 2 Hours 30 minutes 40% of A Level Open Book |
| Independent Critical Study (NEA) | Taught text – Picture of Dorian Grey and one other independent novel | 2500 word extended essay 20% of A Level |

HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Studying English literature will help develop the skills and ability to tackle the longer, more disciplined writing many university courses demand; is an excellent preparation for any university course and is regarded highly amongst all universities, including Russell group universities. Students not intending to go to university have an excellent basis for entry into apprenticeships and the workplace.

SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students must have achieved grade 5 or higher in GCSE English literature and English language.

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