

# English Literature

## [Level 3: AS / A2]

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### INTRODUCTION:

Do you have a love of literature and a passion for exploring what messages writers express through poetry, plays and novels? If so... A Level English Literature could be the right course for you.

We would like you to have a passion for literature, reading widely and expressing your own opinions on characters, themes and messages in a range of texts.

In this course, you will have an opportunity to discover a range of different literary movements and critical theories. These will enrich your understanding of English Literature and -by extension- the wider world.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS/ SUITABILITY:

Students are required to have achieved a Grade 6 in both GCSE English Literature and GCSE English Language.

Candidates who study this course must have a love of reading and other story telling methods (i.e. poetry, plays, film, TV). This course requires you to construct strong critical arguments and have a wide knowledge of writers. Independent learning and the ability to research is therefore an essential skill.

### CONTENT:

#### Year 12:

**Component 1 and 2:** Candidates will study set novel (1984 and The Handmaid's Tale and a Shakespeare play (The Tempest).

**Component 2:** Candidates will study one of their set plays (A Doll's House).

**Coursework:** Candidates will complete a close analysis of an extract from an extra text studied (The Road).

Candidates will write a critical comparison of an extra two texts studied (All My Sons and Langston Hughes poetry).

#### Year 13:

**Component 1:** Drama and Poetry- Candidates will study a collection of poetry from the same poet (Christina Rossetti) and revise The Tempest.

**Component 2:** Comparative and contextual study Candidates will revise their set novels.

### LEADS TO:

Studying English Literature means you can go on to pursue careers in a diverse range of roles and sectors. Often English graduates will choose to utilise their strong communication skills, as long with their detailed knowledge of the written word. Popular career options include journalism, marketing, advertising and jobs within the media industry.

English Literature is a well-recognised academic subject. It therefore supports students looking at studying subjects such as law, history or politics at university.

### ASSESSMENT:

Year 13 Paper 1: External written exam (weighting 40%)- Exam length -150 mins

Year 13 Paper 2: External written exam (weighting 40%)-Exam length -150 mins

Year 13: Coursework (weighting 20%)