

ENGLISH LITERATURE



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ENGLISH LITERATURE IN THE SIXTH FORM

English Literature allows pupils to explore literary texts from across a broad spectrum. These draw on a rich literary heritage and writing from different cultures.

NECESSARY QUALITIES

In order to be successful with English Literature at A Level you will need to possess the qualities below:

- The ability to communicate both orally and in writing
- A readiness to engage thoughtfully with challenging literary texts
- The ability to explore literary texts analytically and critically – open-mindedness is key here!
- An enjoyment of reading!

**A WORD IS DEAD
WHEN IT IS SAID,
SOME SAY. I SAY
IT JUST BEGINS
TO LIVE THAT
DAY.**

– Emily Dickinson



WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?

Across the two year course you will study:

<i>Coriolanus</i>	William Shakespeare
<i>She Stoops to Conquer</i>	Oliver Goldsmith
<i>The Merchant's Tale</i>	Geoffrey Chaucer
<i>The Handmaid's Tale</i>	Margaret Atwood
<i>The Children of Men</i>	PD James
<i>1984</i>	George Orwell

A selection of modern poetry, prose and drama for Non-Examined Assessment

In addition, there will be a range of critical texts to support your understanding of the novels, plays and poetry studied in your lessons. Pupils are also encouraged to work independently on texts from our wider reading lists and contribute to online discussion forums.

WHAT SKILLS WILL I GAIN?

- Development of your writing skills
- Improvement of your critical thinking and ability to analyse
- Increased knowledge of English culture and our rich, literary heritage
- The ability to read and enjoy a wide variety of texts

SUGGESTED READING LIST

<i>Wuthering Heights</i>	Emily Brontë
<i>The Kite Runner</i>	Khaled Hosseini
<i>The Glass Menagerie</i>	Tennessee Williams
<i>Macbeth</i>	William Shakespeare
<i>The School for Scandal</i>	RB Sheridan
<i>North and South</i>	Elizabeth Gaskell
<i>The World's Wife</i>	Carol Ann Duffy
<i>The Color Purple</i>	Alice Walker

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 CIVIL SERVANT
NOVELIST
 TEACHER
HR
 RESEARCHER
JOURNALIST
ARCHIVIST
 EVENTS MANAGEMENT



If you would like to discuss the A Level specification and the options that the English Department offer, please don't hesitate to contact

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