### ENGLISH LITERATURE





## 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.

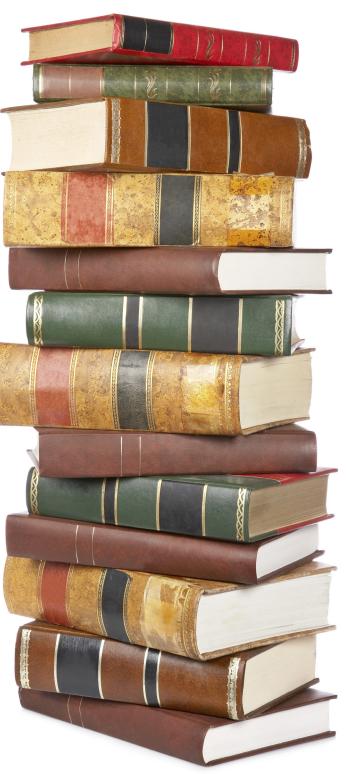
#### NECESSARY QUALITIES

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 - openmindedness is key here!
- · An enjoyment of reading!

- Emily Dickinson

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



#### WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?

Across the two year course you will study:

Coriolanus William Shakespeare

She Stoops to Conquer Oliver Goldsmith

The Merchant's Tale Geoffrey Chaucer

The Handmaid's Tale Margaret Atwood

The Children of Men PD James

1984 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**

Wuthering Heights Emily Brontë

The Kite Runner Khaled Hosseini

The Glass Menagerie Tennessee Williams

Macbeth William Shakespeare

The School for Scandal RB Sheridan

North and South Elizabeth Gaskell

The World's Wife Carol Ann Duffy

The Color Purple Alice Walker

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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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