

English Literature

A Level Specification: AQA

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What will I study?

Year 1

You will study *Death of a Salesman*, *Othello*, Keats poetry. You will study the genre of Tragedy and apply it to the texts. You will have debates about characters, and you will learn to write in an academic style, creating a debate in your essays. You will begin your coursework on poetry.

Year 2

You will study *The Handmaid's Tale*, Blake, and *The Kite Runner*. You will learn about the genre of Social and Political Protest and apply it to these texts. You will learn how to write about an unseen extract and explore the SPP features within it. You will complete your poetry and novel coursework.

How will I be assessed?

Tragedy Exam: 40 per cent
Social Political Protest exam: 40 per cent
Poetry and Novel Coursework: 20 per cent
Tragedy is closed book
SPP is open book

How will I Learn?

You will read the texts and study the genres. You will take part in discussions about the texts and genre in the classroom. Your teachers will help generate insightful discussion and encourage you to think deeply about the topics. You will read literary criticism, so that other people's ideas will help inform your own.



What skills will I need?

Reading skills are important. There is a lot of reading on the course and it is important you have the motivation to read independently. You need to be able to write clearly and be willing to learn an academic style of writing. You need to be willing to participate in discussions and give your opinion.

Careers and Progression

English literature helps with learning to write clearly and articulately which is useful for many degrees. It also helps you to gain confidence in your ideas and expressing them. Careers: Journalism, Politics, Media, Law, Speech Therapy, Historian, Psychology, Foreign Languages, Teaching

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