

English Literature

A Level

Exam Board: AQA

Subject Specific Criteria:

- Grade 6 in either GCSE English Language or English Literature
- Grade 4 in GCSE Mathematics

Units Studied:

- **Love through the ages (40%)**

Study of three texts: pre 1900 poetry anthology, a 20th century prose text, and one Shakespeare play. Examination will also include two unseen poems

- **Texts in shared context (40%)**

Option A: WW1 and its aftermath

Study of three texts: one prose, one poetry, and one drama all based around this topic. Examination will include an unseen extract.

- **Non- exam assessment: Independent critical study: texts across time (20%)**

Comparative critical study of two texts, at least one of which must have been written pre-1900. One extended essay (2500) words and a bibliography.

Skills Required:

- Analytical and critical thinking skills
- Independent learning
- Communication skills

Course Information:

This course builds on the study of English Literature at GCSE. It aims to encourage students to develop an interest and enjoyment of English Literature through reading widely, critically and independently, across time and genre.

Futures:

This course is widely accepted by universities as a facilitating subject and an entrance qualification for those wishing to read English or other related subjects. It also develops higher level analytical skills which are useful in a wide range of University courses and careers.

Subject Enrichment:

Students will have the opportunity to see live performances of the plays studied (depending on availability) and a trip to London to tour The Globe, take part in a workshop especially for our students with a RSC actor, and explore London gaining an understanding of what it would have been like in Elizabethan England.

