

A Level English Literature



Exam Board: AQA

English Literature A-level is a subject accepted by higher education establishments and is particularly suited for degree courses in English Literature, Humanities, Social Sciences and Law.

A-level English Literature is a particularly good subject to combine with English Language, Modern Languages, Theatre Arts, History, Geography, Sociology and Psychology.

English Literature could lead to a career in business, journalism, publishing, the media, law or teaching. You will acquire and use a wide range of skills during the course. Amongst others will be ability to analyse, debate and communicate. You will also learn essay planning, structuring, and writing as well as research, team work, investigative and reading skills.

Course overview:

4.1 Literary genres

4.2 Texts and genres

4.3 Theory and independence

Options:

4.1.1 Aspects of tragedy

4.1.2 Aspects of comedy

4.2.1 Elements of crime writing

4.2.2 Elements of political and social protest writing

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Assessment:

Paper 1: Literary Genres: Aspects of Tragedy

2 hours 30 minutes written exam. Closed book. 75 marks – 40% of A-level.

Othello by William Shakespeare Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller Selected Poetry of John Keats

Paper 2: Texts and Genres: Elements of Political and Social Protest Writing

3 hour written exam. Open book. 75 marks – 40% of A-level. The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini Songs of Innocence and Experience by William Blake

Non-exam Assessment: Theory and Independence Assessed by teachers, moderated by AQA.

50 marks – 20% of A-level.

Students choose their own poetry and prose texts for this assessment.

Entry requirements:

5+ in GCSE English Language and English Literature We would expect you to have a passion for exploring and analysing literature and writing in a precisely crafted style.

Who is the course for?

- Students who have a passion for literature and enjoy lively debate and discussion as an integral part of learning.
- Students who need a good basis for any of a wide range of courses and careers in the arts, social sciences and teaching.

Career pathways:

English Literature will help you analyse and compare a range of genres and forms.

This will give you a comprehensive understanding of English literature's rich history and context. English Literature will inspire or deepen your passion for the written form and can lead on to greater studies. It will give you skills that link directly to a range of career paths including: law, teaching, media, PR, writing, journalism and teaching.

English literature provides a fascinating examination of the human condition and presentation of humanity throughout history, and explores the monumental impact of the written word upon society'.