

A Level English Literature (OCR)

Course Overview

English Literature is the ideal course for you, if you enjoy reading and talking about ideas and issues connected to novels, poetry and drama. A lot of the learning is discussion based so you will need to be open-minded and willing to share your ideas as well as listen to those of other students. The study of literature at this level is based on the critical exploration of whole texts and teaching will focus on encouraging you to articulate your opinions and textual interpretations. Through this course you will develop skills in critical thinking and textual analysis and you will broaden your enthusiasm for literature through an understanding of its cultural importance.

Course Content

Year 12

Drama: Tragedy

'Hamlet' – William Shakespeare

'A Streetcar Named Desire' – Tennessee Williams

Prose: American Literature or The Gothic or Dystopia

- Possible texts include Bram Stoker's *Dracula*, Margaret Atwood's *'The Handmaid's Tale'*, F Scott Fitzgerald's *'The Great Gatsby'* and George Orwell's *'Nineteen Eighty-Four'*

Year 13

Poetry

- Selected Poems, Christina Rossetti

Drama pre-1900

'A Doll's House' – Henrik Ibsen

Coursework: Post-1900 Free choice of three linked texts

- must be different from set texts
- must be complete texts and may be linked by theme, movement, author or period
- may be selected from poetry, drama or prose

Assessment

- Shakespeare and Drama and Poetry pre-1900 (40%) – Closed book, 2 hours 30 minutes
- Comparative and Contextual Study (40%) – Closed book, 2 hours 30 minutes
- Coursework on Literature post-1900 (20%) – Prose, Drama and Poetry

Entry Requirements

Five GCSEs at grade A*-C or (9-5 or above) including English Language. It is helpful to have studied English Literature at GCSE, but this is not a course requirement.

Progression

The course is unrelated to any specific vocation, however, it aims to develop critical, analytical and communication skills which are seen as invaluable in areas such as Law, Journalism, Publishing, Teaching, Medicine and Writing. English Literature is a Facilitating subject and essential for students hoping to study English at some universities.

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