

English Literature

INTRODUCTION

English Literature is the study of the world around us, and teaches us about new perspectives, cultures and identities. Truly to understand humanity, we need to be able to understand the written word and how writers portray the world around them. Studying for English literature involves exploration of a range of novels, drama and poetry through which students are able to develop culturally, emotionally, intellectually, socially and spiritually.

WHAT TOPICS WILL I STUDY DURING THE COURSE?

As part of their English Literature course, students will study a number of the greatest novels, poems and drama ever written throughout literary history. Students will be transported to new worlds, meet new cultures and explore how these worlds have been created. This will enable them to gain an overall understanding of themes and characters, embarking on a deeper exploration of these viewpoints, developing student's perspectives of culture and identity when these texts were produced, and how they have impacted on modern life. Through engaging and challenging teaching, it is our intention to foster a life-long interest in and a love of reading in our students.

WHAT SKILLS WILL I USE AND DEVELOP?

The skills acquired through studying for the literature GCSE are essential to participating fully as a member of society. Pupils will be exposed to a range of texts, a range of writers and a range of writing styles. They will be tasked with exploring, analysing and evaluating texts, developing their own personal viewpoints and being able to explain this supported with evidence taken from the text. They will develop extended writing skills in order to craft GCSE style exam responses, as well as honing their reading skills through a range of challenging texts from different periods in British history.

WHAT EXAMINATIONS WILL I TAKE?

Competence in literature are tested in two final exams.

Linear Examinations—2 exams

English Literature Paper 1: 1 hour 45 mins

English Literature Paper 2: 2 hours 15 mins

Students will also complete a speaking and listening assessment where they will produce a presentation on a subject of their choice.

HOW WILL THE COURSE HELP ME WITH MY FUTURE CAREER?

Students will be developing a variety of important communication skills through writing and reading which are necessary to be successful in the work place or in further education. Students will also acquire skills needed to successfully evaluate, compare, analyse and be creative in a various forms, and to challenge their own conventional thinking.

Qualifications are now graded from one to nine with nine demonstrating exceptional knowledge, understanding and mastery of skills. Studying for and sitting these exams requires maturity, commitment and resilience but gaining a qualification in either of the English subjects will give students options to study most courses in further education. English is a highly valued qualification and gaining good grades in the subject is a great way to further your life chances.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

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