

Choosing A Level English Literature



English Literature A level



Coursework 20%

The History Boys by Alan Bennett & The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie by Muriel Spark

The World's Wife by Carol Ann Duffy

Paper 1 40%

Shakespeare's The Tempest and Milton's Paradise Lost Books 9&10/John Webster's The Duchess of Malfi

Paper 2 40%

Unseen critical appreciation (dystopia)

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood & 1984 by George Orwell

Why study English Literature?



- Reading and the study of great literature is a pleasure that lasts throughout life.
- The skills of analysis learned can be applied to other subjects.
- We specifically teach you how to structure a good essay – other subjects don't but they do need these skills. You will write a range of different types of essays at A level.
- We teach you how to use language precisely and concisely, how to argue a case, use evidence, consider different interpretations and how to evaluate and compare texts.
- We encourage and develop good communication and discussion skills.
- We go on great theatre trips!

Other things to consider



Our results are excellent!

Every year, many of our students get A*/A/B grades

- Summer 2023 – 100% pass rate, 93% of students C or above, 76% B or above, 41% of students at A/A*.
- Summer 2024 – 99% pass rate, 84% of students C or above, 67% B or above, 28% of students at A/A*.

You will be taught by exceptionally well-qualified teachers who have an immense passion for their subject.

It fits with any combination and is highly valued

- We have had many students who go on to science degrees or maths or medicine/veterinary science – the skills they learn with us help them to write excellent essays and evaluative tasks.
- It also fits with humanities and is an excellent basis for law, media, PPE and Business.
- All universities value English Literature A Level as they know that it enables students to display skills of analysis, looking at ideas from different perspectives and communication.



Careers and degree courses that lead directly from English

- Journalism
- Media
- Marketing and digital marketing
- Law
- Web development
- Communications
- Charities
- Human Resources
- Project management



And more directly springing from English

- Publishing
- Administration
- Writing
- Broadcasting
- Advertising
- Public Relations
- Events
- Social Media

