



*"Studying English Literature has been inspirational! I have always loved books but A-level Literature has enriched my reading and life experiences. There is a wide range of texts and few limitations."*

## English Literature A Level

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### Is this course for me?

By choosing Literature, you will embark on exciting, excellent reading opportunities, exposing you to literature from a multitude of genres, forms and time periods. However, English Literature is not 'just' about reading books; it opens doors to a plethora of cultures, philosophies and emotions, allowing you to explore subjects beyond that which you expect to find in a literary classic.

**Exam Board:** AQA

### Areas of study

AS stand alone examination 100%  
A2 examination 80%, coursework 20% in second year.  
With an overarching theme of 'Love Through the Ages', you will develop your skills of language analysis to discover love, loss, suffering, grief and heartache. Across your two years of study, you will read and explore modern day literature as well as the classics. It will be an unforgettable journey as you explore your own, and others' interpretations of these literary texts! Love Through The Ages – Shakespeare's 'Othello'; Emily Bronte's 'Wuthering Heights'; F. Scott Fitzgerald's 'The Great Gatsby'; Lionel Shriver's 'We Need to Talk About Kevin'.  
Modern Times: literature from 1945 to the present day – Tennessee William's 'A Streetcar Named Desire'; Margaret Atwood's 'The Handmaid's Tale'; Carol Ann Duffy's 'Feminine Gospels'.

### Future Opportunities:

Popular degree courses chosen by past students have included English Literature, Linguistics, Creative Writing and Drama. Students who have studied English Literature at A Level have gone on to a broad range of careers including teaching, journalism, marketing, law, psychology, business, politics, maths and medicine to name just a few! Please note: English A-Levels are widely accepted as an additional subject to sciences and maths for students who wish to go into health, veterinary care, and medicine. English is considered to be a traditional and well-respected A-Level by Universities and can therefore act as a passport to a wide variety of non-related courses.

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