



ENGLISH LITERATURE

QUALIFICATION: A Level

EXAM BOARD: OCR

COURSE LEADER:
Mrs Bell

"The Dystopian texts seem like they reflect what's going on in the world and the discussions we have in lesson help me to make sense of them."

"I really liked the independent study into American Literature because it enlightened me to the current issues in that global powerhouse."

"I hadn't realised how radical Rossetti was for her time."

COURSE CONTENT

Through the study of a range of literary texts, A Level English Literature develops your critical reading and writing, your debating skills, and your ways of thinking about the world around you.

As well as analysing poetry, prose and drama texts, students are introduced to literary theories and look at the many different ways in which a text can be approached.

You will also delve deeper into the range of contexts that can have an impact on a text, exploring how societal and cultural concerns can shape how writers present their ideas.

Texts studied at A Level include *Nineteen Eighty-Four* by George Orwell, *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood, Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* and Victorian literature including the poetry of Christina Rossetti and Ibsen's *A Dolls House*.

In Year 13 students are given a degree of freedom to explore their own literary interests in their comparative American Literature independent studies and close reading of contemporary poetry.

PREPARATION FOR STUDYING THIS SUBJECT

- Read the texts that we study and watch some film versions or television adaptations.
- Read widely, independently, a range of literature from a range of genres.

ASSESSMENT

- **Y12:** Internal examinations, preparing students for culminating A Level examination.
- **Y13:** Two written examinations, each worth 40% of the A Level; two pieces of written coursework worth 20% of the A Level.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

- The University of York - Law
- University of East Anglia - English Literature and Creative Writing
- Cambridge University - English
- Cambridge University – History
- King's College – English Literature
- Durham University – English Literature
- Kingston University – Architecture
- University of Sheffield – English Literature and Language

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Full entry requirements can be found on our website. Please ensure you check these as some courses have subject specific requirements that must be met in addition to the general entry requirements to join our Sixth Form.

