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English Literature

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Why study this at A Level?

In choosing to study English Literature, an enjoyment in reading becomes a wholly rewarding subject that will develop you as an empathetic and critical learner.

English Literature is an excellent choice for a surprisingly wide range of careers and is highly regarded by employers and universities.

This is not surprising as it develops skills of judgment, argument, analysis and articulation.

Course Content and Assessment

Component 1:

- *Drama and Poetry pre-1900 (Shakespeare's *The Tempest* or *Hamlet*, the poetry of Christina Rossetti and one further drama text to be selected according to the group).*

Component 2:

- *Close reading, comparative and contextual study from the chosen topic area of *Dystopia* (*The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood, 1984 by George Orwell)*

Skills obtained

- *Comprehensive written and spoken communication skills*
- *Ability to frame informed arguments*
- *Critique and analyse a broad range of materials*
- *Development in leadership and collaboration skills*
- *Excellent written communication skills*
- *Correct use of academic citations and referencing.*

Our students have gone on to pursue a number of related university courses including English Literature, Law, Politics and Film Studies. Career pathways are numerous including law, management, human resources, publishing, journalism and education.

Component 3:

- *Close reading OR re-creative writing piece with commentary and comparative essays (texts selected according to the group).*

Assessment:

Component 1 - 2 hour exam worth 40%
Component 2 - 2 hour exam worth 40%
Component 3 - Both pieces are worth 20%