

English Literature

Subject:

English Literature (1 GCSE)

How will I be assessed?

In-class assessment and trial examinations will be continuous throughout the three years.

The qualification is 100% examination as follows:

English Literature Paper 1: Shakespeare and 19th Prose Study (1 hour 45 minutes)

English Literature Paper 2: Modern Text and Poetry (2 hours 15 minutes)

What will I learn?

You will learn how to read, understand, and respond to a variety of fictional texts. These include a Shakespeare play, a 19th century novel, a modern play, and a variety of seen and unseen poetry.

You will read entire texts in lesson, tracking character development, themes, and structure. You will also learn about the times they were written in, and why the writers decided to write about these topics. There may even be the opportunity for some drama and role play to gain a better understanding of the text in front of you!

Spelling, punctuation, and grammar are also assessed in two of the sections, as well as terminology still having a high importance in all elements.

In Literature, you will also be required to write at length in the form of analytical and discursive essays, so we will help you to structure your responses and be confident in your knowledge of the texts.

Why is this subject valuable?

The English disciplines are subjects you must pass at GCSE, but it is so much more than just something you have to do. The skills taught in whole class and small group discussion, as well as the ability to read and write independently, mean that you should leave the academy well equipped to deal with a variety of circumstances in the world of work, and in society. Communication is key, whether it be written, typed, or spoken, as well as the ability to understand surface and underlying meanings.

Also, if you want to carry on to study Post-16 subjects such as English, History, Psychology, or Film Studies, it is useful from a communication and essay writing angle.

Career choices where this subject would be valuable:

A good grasp of English is important in all aspects of life.

However, this qualification will be especially useful for career choices such as teaching, working with children and vulnerable adults, journalism, retail, hospitality, theatre, and anything where you need to deal with people.