

ENGLISH LITERATURE

A LEVEL (EDEXCEL)



Do you have imagination? Do you enjoy reading and analysing a text? Then you will enjoy A Level English Literature. A Level English Literature is exciting and challenging – and given a lot of credit by universities and employers. A Level English Literature will give you the skills you need to meet the demands of any university course or job where you need to read analytically and/or write academically and will open your mind to new ideas.

What will you learn?

You will explore a range of exciting texts, both modern and from the literary canon, that cover a wide scope of genres often not studied at GCSE. You will analyse the impact of language in literature and consider the writers' intentions and contextual significance. A Level English Literature takes the skills you learn at GCSE and refines them; the focus now is your interpretation of texts not your ability to memorise them. You can even take the texts into the exam with you!

Drama – you will study 'A Streetcar Named Desire' by Tennessee Williams and 'Othello' by William Shakespeare.

Prose – you will study 'The Handmaid's Tale' by Margaret Atwood and 'Frankenstein' by Mary Shelley.

Poetry – you will study 'The Poems of the Decade' Anthology (20 modern poems by a selection of poets) and a selection of poems from the Romantic period by poets such as Percy Shelley, Lord Byron and William Blake.

How will you be assessed?

At the end of Year 13, you will take three exams that cover the Drama, Prose and Poetry texts. You also undertake a piece of coursework over the course of the two years which is worth 20% of your final grade. The coursework essay will be a 2500 word comparative essay based on a chosen text that you study in lessons and a text you choose yourself based on your interests.

How will you learn?

You will have five lessons per week and will also be expected to work for at least a further five hours independently.

Where will it take you?

Almost anywhere you want to go! English Literature is a well-respected A Level both at university and in employment. Russell Group Universities rate it highly even if you don't go on to study Literature at degree level. Jobs could include: journalism, law, marketing, business, teaching, publishing and many more.

Who should you talk to?

Please speak to Mrs Donna Pollard (KS5 Co-Ordinator in English) or email: donna.pollard@thebourneacademy.com

What will you need to study the course?

Five or more 9-4 grades at GCSE including English and Maths. A grade 6 or higher in GCSE English Literature.