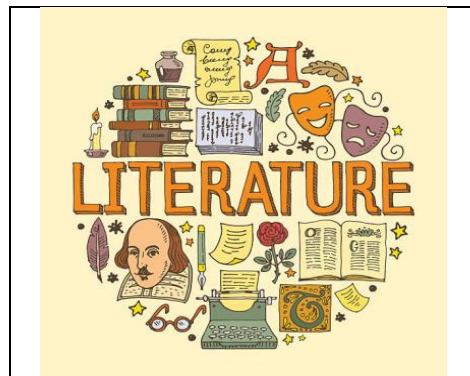


ENGLISH LITERATURE

Introduction

English Literature is a stimulating G.C.S.E. subject, ideal for those pupils with a natural love of literature and writing. The range of topics studied enables pupils to become independent and analytical readers. Furthermore, it allows students to study English Literature and related subjects at a more advanced level and to develop the skills they need to progress to employment.



What will it be like?

Pupils will enjoy the study of a range of prose, drama and poetry and will develop their ability to respond critically to literature.

In Year 11, pupils will cover Unit 1 (The Study of Prose), which involves an in depth and analytical reading of *Of Mice and Men*. Key characters and themes will be explored, allowing pupils to develop their writing style and gain an invaluable understanding of the text. Section B of Unit 1 asks pupils to consider an extract of nineteenth century Unseen Prose. In order to prepare for this part of the exam, students will read and explore a wide range of texts from this time, across many genres and cultures and analyse how the writer of the text engages the reader. Both sections form the Unit 1 exam, which is sat at the end of Year 11.

As pupils move on into Year 12, they will focus on Unit 2: The Study of Drama and Poetry. Section A (Drama) will include the exploration of either *Blood Brothers* or *An Inspector Calls*. Pupils will study one of these texts and gain a full appreciation of the characters, themes and context, whilst further developing their analytical style of writing, showing their understanding of writer's craft and intention. Section B (Poetry) will be centred around one anthology: Identity, Conflict or Relationships. Pupils will study a collection of fifteen poems and respond to them critically and imaginatively, whilst drawing comparisons and links between the content and context.

Throughout the two-year course, a Controlled Assessment on *The Study of Shakespeare* will also be completed, focusing on a specific theme. This will be completed during English Literature lessons.

Assessment

- Unit 1: The Study of Prose (30%) External examination completed in Year 11 – 1 hour 45 minutes written paper;
- Unit 2: The Study of Drama and Poetry (50%) External examination completed in Year 12 – 2 hour written paper;
- Unit 3: The Study of Shakespeare (20%) Controlled Assessment – 2 hours.

Career Progression

This thought-provoking subject is highly sought after by an array of employers due to its students possessing excellent literacy skills.

Career pathways stemming from English Literature are vast and include Journalism, Teaching, Law, Media, Business and the Civil Service, to name but a few.