

ENGLISH

KS5 (English Literature)

Curriculum Overview

English Literature remains one of the most prestigious A levels, and indeed university degrees. Success at this level is a powerful indicator of a wide range of highly sought skills that can be applied to many career paths, including journalism, law, film and television production, advertising and marketing, politics, public relations, and publishing.

Literature can be a window into the world around us, and can teach us about the past, present and future; it entertains, educates, and inspires.



YR12

Course Content and Skill Development

The OCR Literature A Level is a rigorous, stimulating, and challenging qualification which allows freedom of textual choice and includes elements of independent study. The freedom within the non-exam assessment component allows learners to pursue more detailed work in a field of particular personal interest, offering excellent preparation for study at undergraduate level. The OCR A Level in English Literature allows learners to undertake independent and sustained studies to deepen their appreciation and understanding of literature, including its changing traditions.

The aims of the specification are to encourage learners to develop their interest in and enjoyment of literature and literary studies as they:

- read widely and independently both set texts and others that they have selected for themselves
- engage critically and creatively with a substantial body of texts and ways of responding to them
- develop and effectively apply their knowledge of literary analysis and evaluation in writing
- explore the contexts of the texts they are reading and others' interpretations

Specification Links

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/english-literature-h072-h472-from-2015/>

NB We follow the 2 year A Level course, H472



When and how assessment of learning will happen

This is a two year A Level course. Students will undertake a range of tasks throughout the course, including presentations and essays. They will sit mock exams in Year 12 and 13. Students will begin their coursework in Year 12 with a view to having this completed by the Christmas break of Year 13 (so that post-Christmas studies can be focused on exam preparation).



Independent Learning expectations

Students will be expected to work independently from the start, in terms of building up their notes, consolidating their understanding, and wider reading.

The A-Level non-exam assessment (coursework) component provides opportunities for students to pursue their own areas of interest and develop personal and independent learning skills.

Students need to demonstrate high standards of work and meet course requirements, including completion of all work to set deadlines.

Useful Information

Students will be invited to a Literature Google Classroom where class resources and further resources will be shared. Students will also have access to E-Magazine (an online Literature magazine specifically aimed at A Level students, that we subscribe to), and a selection of revision guides that they are able to borrow.

