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ENGLISH LITERATURE

A LEVEL

Entry Requirements:

GCSE Grade 6 or above in English Language and English Literature would indicate suitability. Students with a genuine love of literature and a willingness to read widely, who are prepared to join in group discussions and share ideas, will find the course inspiring and enjoyable.

Is this for me?

This course is designed to develop your interest and enjoyment in literary study. You will be encouraged to read widely and critically from a range of authors, genres and contexts.

What will I do?

AS LEVEL

The AS course will enable you to explore literary genres, including comedy or tragedy. You will study drama texts, including Shakespeare, as well as poetry and prose texts from a range of historical and literary contexts.

The AS course is assessed through two examinations and will include close studies of specific passages, as well as essay-based questions on whole texts.

Examples of set texts that may be covered in the course include:

- ♦ King Lear by William Shakespeare
- ♦ Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller
- ♦ The Great Gatsby by F Scott Fitzgerald
- ♦ Tess of the D'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy
- ♦ Poetry by Keats

A LEVEL

For the A Level course, you will follow a similar programme of study to the AS Level during your first year. In the second year, you will also study either elements of crime writing or elements of political writing. There are two examination papers for the A Level course.

Unlike the AS course, there is also a non-examination assessment for the A Level course, which encourages independent reading and research into literary theories. There is the possibility of writing a re-creative piece, accompanied by a commentary, for one of the two coursework style assignments.

Examples of set texts that may be covered in the A Level course include:

- ♦ Collections of poetry by Browning, Wilde and Crabbe
- ♦ Atonement by Ian McEwan
- ♦ Hamlet by William Shakespeare
- ♦ Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
- ♦ The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood



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