



English Literature

Studying English literature helps to sharpen your analytical skills. If you can take a text and find the themes plus connect it with other texts, theories and historical events, you are showing that you can handle complex ideas, search for patterns and interpret information in a wider context.

The course develops the skills of analysis, understanding, insight and critical thinking. It involves using a single main text and comparing it with others either within the same time frame, or of texts over time based on the same theme.

It is an exciting, dynamic and creative course which students enjoy. It develops both collaborative and independent learning skills.

What is best about this course is it allows students to develop their own critical opinions, enhances independent analysis and it allows students to engage with literary criticism at an advanced and mature level.

A Level units studied

Unit 1 explores the theme of love through the ages. Students study Othello, Wuthering Heights and pre-1900 poetry.

Unit 2 students study Modern Times: literature from 1945 to the present day, including Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest and Feminine Gospels.

Unit 3 students shall produce a comparative critical study of two texts including Frankenstein.

Assessed by external examination June.

Opportunities

This course can lead to an open ended range of options for both further education and career prospects. It naturally leads to a degree in English but also is a valued qualification for degrees/careers in law, ethics, journalism, public relations or teaching.