



Our students say...

“The reason why I love Literature is that it makes you think. You learn about people, their lives, their passions and you appreciate new ways to look at the world.”

Ben Phillips, Ex-student

(studying English at university)

E. M. Forster said...

“What is wonderful about great literature is that it transforms the condition of the man who reads it towards the condition of the man who wrote it.”

Entry Requirements:

- B Grade in English and English Literature.

Skills developed during the course:

- Explore and analyse novels, drama and poetry and evaluate their impact.
- Apply theory to literature.
- Appreciate the heart of literature and the aesthetic qualities of texts.
- Recognise the importance and relevance of literature.
- Explore how Literature examines humanity and what it means to exist.

Possible careers and Higher Education

options:

English Literature is an excellent companion to most A level subjects, especially those Arts based. Students who have studied English A level often go on to study English, Law, Journalism or Media at degree level.

Course content—AS

Paper 1 – Poetry & Drama. 2hrs, 72 marks. (60%)

- Play - A Streetcar Named Desire
- Poetry - Anthology

Paper 2 – Prose. 1hr, 44 marks. (40%)

- Novels - Beloved & The picture of Dorian Gray

Course content—A2

Paper 1 – Drama. 2hrs 15 minutes, 60 marks (30% of total A-Level)

- Play— A Streetcar Named Desire & Othello

Paper 2 – Prose. 1hr, 40 marks. (20%)

- Novels - Beloved & The picture of Dorian Gray

Paper 3 – Poetry. 2hr 15 minutes, 60 marks. (30%)

- Pre 1900 poetry
- Post 2000 poetry
- Unseen poetry

Coursework—20%

- Extended essay on 1984 & A Handmaid’s Tale. 3000 words comparing the two novels