



St Margaret Ward
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Sixth Form

ENGLISH LITERATURE

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What is the level of course I will take?

A Level English Literature with AQA.

What level of GCSEs do I need to take this course?

Minimum of 5 x GCSE grade 5 including a Grade 6 minimum in English Literature and a Grade 5 minimum in English Language

How will I be assessed?

Examinations:

-Paper 1: Love Through the Ages.

Open book in Section C (40% overall)

-Paper 2: Texts in Shared Contexts. Modern

Times: Literature from 1945 to the present day. Open book (40% overall)

Coursework:

Non-examined Assessment (NEA) (20% overall)

One 2500 comparative essay. Assessed in school.

This compares two texts.



LITERATURE

Course Content

English Literature's historicist approach to the study of literature rests upon reading texts within a shared context. Working from the belief that no text exists in isolation but is the product of the time in which it was produced, English Literature encourages students to explore the relationships that exist between texts and the contexts within which they are written, received and understood.

Studying texts within a shared context enables students to investigate and connect them, drawing out patterns of similarity and difference using a variety of reading strategies and perspectives.

English Literature privileges the process of making autonomous meaning, encouraging students to debate and challenge the interpretations of other readers as they develop their own informed personal responses.

Paper 1 - Love Through the Ages

Example texts include *The Taming of the Shrew*, Unseen Poetry, *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte and a collection of modern love poetry.

Paper 2 - Texts in Shared Contexts. Modern Times: Literature from 1945 to the present day.

Example texts include *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams, *Skirrid Hill* by Owen Sheers, *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker and Unseen Prose.

Non-examined Assessment - One text is 'taught' the other is chosen by the student. The task is formulated by the student in discussion with the teacher.

How will the course help me after Sixth Form?

English Literature is a fascinating course and many of our students go on to study it at degree level. As an academic subject, it is also a long established route into degrees such as Law, History and Politics.

Having an A Level in English Literature will demonstrate that you have excellent written communication skills and sharp analytical ability.



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