

# English Literature

**Exam board:** Edexcel

## **Entry requirements:**

Student requires a minimum of a grade 6 in English Literature.

We would recommend a grade 6 in each of English Literature and English Language.

## **Course Content and Assessment:**

**Unit 1 Drama** One Shakespeare play and one other drama.

Currently 'Duchess of Malfi' or 'The Importance of Being Earnest' and 'Othello'  
(2 hours 15 minutes) 30%

**Unit 2 Prose** Two prose texts from a chosen theme.

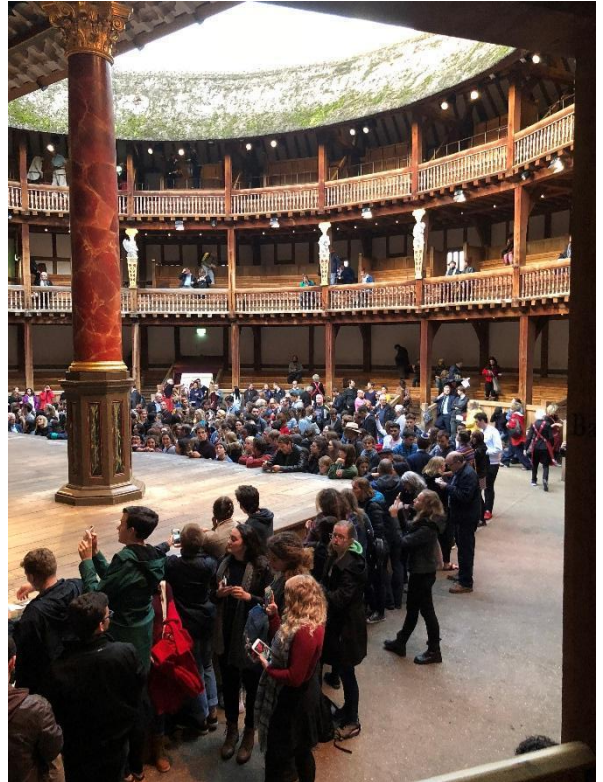
Currently *Science and Society*: 'The Handmaid's Tale' and 'Frankenstein' or  
*Women and Society*: 'Mrs Dalloway' and 'Wuthering Heights'  
(1 hour 15 mins) 20%

## **Unit 3 Poetry**

A selection of post-2000 specified poetry: Poems of the Decade and a specified range of poetry from a certain period: currently The Romantics or Keats  
(2 hours 15 minutes) 30%

## **Unit 4 Coursework/NEA**

Students explore one text together and then, from a limited range, choose a second text to study independently and compare with the first. 20%



## **Why choose English Literature:**

"First and foremost it is a fun subject. It offers opportunities to see the lives of others through your own eyes. English encourages curiosity about the world and also gives answers to big questions but for me, the best thing is that there is more than one interpretation to everything. It is the study of people; an amalgamation of Psychology, Sociology, History, Geography and R.E."

## **Skills and progression:**

Why should you commit two years of your life to the study of English Literature?

Perhaps the question that you should ask yourself is how can you choose not to?

English Literature opens your eyes to a plethora of unknown worlds, characters and experiences. Each new text studied creates an opportunity to share ideas with your peers and teachers, and to learn, not only about the texts and contexts, but about yourself. English Lit studies people, their behaviours and their relationships, and through their challenges and misadventures we learn about each other.

English Literature is a rigorous A-Level that requires an unquestionable work ethic and an open mind. But what you are given in return is priceless. This facilitating subject not only comes with a reputation second to none amongst A-Levels, but you will also learn to write with both style and substance, and your analytical skills will flourish.

I hope that you decide to study English Literature with us; it is a decision that I am sure you will not regret.