**A Level English Literature**

**What will I need to study this course?**

You will need a love of reading and the ability to write extended responses.

You should have at least a grade 5 in both English Literature and English Language GCSE.

**What will I study?**

*Core Texts:* You will study six texts which you will be examined on:

* play: ‘Othello’ by William Shakespeare
* play: ‘A Streetcar Named Desire’ by Tennessee Williams
* novel: ‘The Great Gatsby’ by F. Scott Fitzgerald
* **A stack of books with text

  Description automatically generated**novel: ‘The Handmaid’s Tale’ by Margaret Atwood
* poetry: ‘Feminine Gospels’ by Carol-Ann Duffy
* poetry: An anthology of pre-1900 poems
* You will also study unseen poetry and prose
* *You will have unannotated copies of these texts in the exam (excluding ‘Othello’)*

*Exam Focus:* You are required to analyse and compare some of these texts.

*Challenges*: You will do a lot of reading and research outside of lessons.

*Skills Building*: You will learn to interpret and compare a text’s themes, methods, and context. This will prepare you well to study literature at university.

**How is the course assessed?**

*Exam*: Paper 1: 40% - Love through the ages (3 hours)

*Exam:* Paper 2: 40% - Modern texts post-1945 (2 hours 30)

*Coursework:* 20% - You will write a 2500-word essay comparing two non-exam texts.

**Where next?**

This course can lead on to studying subjects involving communication, media, teaching, research, and many other jobs that need good reading, writing, or spoken skills.

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