

# English Literature A Level

## Course Overview:

### Unit 1: Drama

We will study a modern drama text - this year we are studying *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams - and answer an essay question. The other section of the paper is based on a Shakespeare play and we are studying *Othello*.

### Unit 2: Prose

For this paper we will be studying a pair of novels (one pre-1900 and one post-1900). This year we explored the theme of women and society through *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte and *Mrs Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf.

### Unit 3: Poetry

This unit involves the study of modern poetry (which will be compared to an unseen poem in the examination) and pre-1900 poetry.

### Unit 4: Coursework

For this unit, you will work independently on a detailed comparison of two literary texts. This is excellent preparation for University and gives you a chance to broaden your interests and horizons.

## Assessment:

80% examination, 20% coursework.

## Why would this course suit me?

English Literature A Level allows you to deepen and extend your experiences of reading literature at GCSE and explore the main genres of drama, poetry and prose.

We are able to explore ideas and texts in much more detail and use more theoretical approaches. This course would suit anyone who enjoys reading more challenging texts and discussing complex, interesting ideas.

## How does this course link to other subjects?

English Literature is an A Level which, perhaps more than any other, sharpens a student's ability to understand that the world is made up of many different ways of seeing. Whatever you may think is normal, someone else will see it differently.

It is a qualification recognised by the Russell Group of Universities as an important component in all student study, including the Sciences.

**Examination Board:**  
Edexcel

**Entry Requirements:**  
Grade 4 in English Language and English Literature

## Potential Career Opportunities:

English Literature can lead to a broad range of careers, from writing to Journalism, Advertising, Broadcasting, Marketing, Law, Economics and Politics.

