

A Level English



Type of Qualification: A Level

Level of course: 3

Description

The aim of the course is to enable students to gain a solid understanding of how texts can be connected and how they can be interpreted in multiple ways so that students can arrive at their own interpretations and become confident, autonomous readers. Students are then not only equipped with the knowledge and skills needed for both exams and non-exam assessment, but also experience a rich, challenging and coherent approach to English Literature that provides an excellent basis for studying the subject at university.

The A level content is as follows:

- **Paper 1 - Poetry**
Students will study three poets.
Section A is the study of one pre-1900 poet.
Section B is a comparison of two post-1900 poets.
- **Paper 2 - Drama**
Section A is based on the reading of one Shakespeare play.
Section B is based on the reading of a pair of plays: one pre-1900 and one post-1900.
- **Paper 3 – Unseen texts**
Section A is the study of unseen prose analysing an unseen passage of prose, taken from one of two prescribed periods for study.
Section B is the study of unseen poetry analysing an unseen poem or poetry extract.
- **Non-exam assessment**
One 2500-3500 word assignment based on the reading of two prose texts from different periods, one pre-2000 and one post-2000.

How is the course assessed?

- **Exam Paper 1 - Poetry**
Written exam: 2 hours. Open book. 30% of A-level
- **Exam Paper 2 – Drama**
Written exam: 2 hours. Closed book. 30% of A-level
- **Exam Paper 3 – Unseen Texts**
Written exam: 2 hours. 20% of A-level
- **Non-exam assessment**
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