

# A level English Literature (AQA)

## Course overview:

A level English Literature focuses students' study on a range of key works of fiction from the canon of English Literature. Students will study these texts within the frame of literary theory and their social and historical contexts. The course encourages students to be evaluative and conceptual as well as immersing themselves in the conventions of tragedy and crime writing through the ages.

This course involves elements of History, Sociology, Psychology and Philosophy and is a wonderfully expansive course.

## Assessment information:

### ➤ Paper 1

Elements of Tragedy: *Othello*, *Death of a Salesman*, Keats poetry

### ➤ Paper 2

Elements of Crime: *Atonement*, *Murder of Roger Ackroyd* and *Rime of the Ancient Mariner*

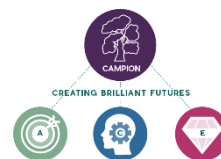
### ➤ NEA

**2 x 1500-word essays on literary theory, 1 focusing on a prose text, 1 focusing on a poetry text**

## Is this course right for me?

English Literature is a course not only for lovers of literature but for students interested in the way history, politics and changing patterns of language influence the texts we read. English Literature encourages students to read texts evaluatively and apply literary theory to the characters, events and concepts in the texts studied. English Literature is the right course for students with opinions and ideas about the world, how we capture the world, and how this changes over time. This is the course for students who like discussions, analysis and reading widely around the subject.

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## **Complementary subjects:**

A level English Literature is an incredibly versatile subject which works well with History, Sociology, Psychology, Philosophy and Politics.

## **Career pathways:**

English Literature can lead to a number of employment options:

- Lecturing
- Publishing
- Social Work
- Teaching
- Journalism

University courses that can be accessed by studying A level English Literature:

- Linguistics
- English Literature
- English Language
- Psychology
- Politics
- History
- Sociology
- Philosophy