

# A-LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE



## WHY STUDY ENGLISH LITERATURE AT A-LEVEL?

A-Level English Literature is the gateway to culture both past and present. It brings history to life and enriches us with an insight into experiences; it helps you understand the evolution of both language and society.

You will gain an appreciation of what motivated some of the most influential writers in the English speaking world to write with such artistic merit. The works of Shakespeare, Hardy and others, remain relevant and challenge our understanding of society to this day.

A-Level English Literature teaches you to analyse different types of writing and to write clearly in a range of styles. It also pushes you to read outside your comfort zone, while expanding your language skills and range of vocabulary.

English Literature allows you to develop an understanding through a knowledge of literary context, theory and criticism. Scholars of English Literature will critically evaluate

## TOPICS STUDIED

A broad range of literature, including:

- Death of a Salesman
- Othello
- The Kite Runner
- A Doll's House
- The Poetry of Blake and Keats

## ASSESSMENT STRUCTURE

### PAPER 1

- Written exam: 3 hours
- Open book in Section C only
- 75 marks
- 40% of A-Level

### PAPER 2

- Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes
- Open book
- 75 marks
- 40% of A-Level

### Non-exam assessment

#### Independent critical study: texts across time

- Comparative critical study of two texts, at least one of which must have been written pre-1900
- One extended essay (2500 words) and a bibliography
- 20% of A-Level

