English Literature

Examination Board: Edexcel A Level in English Literature: 9ET0

What will I learn?

- How to read and analyse texts in depth
- How to compare texts
- How to utilise a variety of contextual information and critical theories to inform your analysis
- How to write sophisticated, detailed, extended essays

Current set texts: Poems of the Decade, A Streetcar Named Desire, Othello, Hard Times, Atonement, The Handmaid's Tale

Who is the course suited to?

Those who love literature and writing about it: poetry, drama and prose.

What is the structure of the course?

Unit 1: Drama A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams Othello by William Shakespeare

Unit 2: Prose *Hard Times* by Charles Dickens *Atonement* by Ian McEwan

Unit 3: Poetry *Poems of the Decade* Selected Poems by Christina Rossetti

Unit 4: Coursework *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood

Assessment

Paper 1: Drama (30% of the total qualification)

- Paper 2: Prose (20% of the total qualification)
- Paper 3: Poetry (30% of the total qualification)
- Paper 4: Coursework (20% of the total qualification)

Reasons to consider doing English Literature at A Level:

- It will broaden your literary and cultural horizons.
- It can lead to a wide variety of university courses, for example English Literature or Language, Law, History, etc.