ENGLISH LITERATURE

SIXTH FORM

COURSE TITLE

A Level English Literature

Exam Board: AQA

AIMS OF THE COURSE

Students will study a range of literature with a particular focus on the expectations of genre: tragedy and political and social protest writing. In the process of studying these texts, students will grow in their ability to analyse, understand and explore a wide range of novels, plays and poetry.

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?

Throughout the course, you will develop your understanding of different genres – both the expectations and the ways in which these are subverted. You will gain confidence in developing detailed responses to varied texts considering the writers' methods, the influence of context and wide-ranging interpretations.

You will study the following texts for the tragedy unit: Othello by William Shakespeare, Death of a Salesman by Arthur Milller and a selection of Keats poetry, including Lamia and Eve of St Agnes.

You will study the following texts for the social protest unit: The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood, The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini, and Songs of Innocence and Songs of Experience by William Blake. This unit also requires you to study extracts from different political and social protest texts.

For the coursework unit, you will explore one poetry and one prose text of your choice and critically evaluate these from different perspectives, including Marxist, Feminist and Post-Colonial. This unit gives you the opportunity to pick your own text to analyse in detail, giving you a sense of independence to your work.

HOW WILL YOU BE ASSESSED?

You will take two exams at the end of the A Level English Literature course.

You will also complete two pieces of coursework throughout the two years of study.

WHAT WIDER SKILLS WILL YOU DEVELOP?

The ability to read and appreciate a range of texts from varied interpretations.

Analytical writing skills in a more sophisticated manner.

The importance of debate and argument when developing an understanding of literature.

WHAT ARE THE FUTURE OPTIONS FROM THE COURSE?

An English Literature A Level can support any other qualifications that require communication, inference and analysis.
An English degree can open the door to so many career paths including all sectors of:

- Journalism
- Law
- Civil Service
- Human Resources
- Publishing
- Entrepreneur
- Education
- Medicine
- I.T
- Business