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Do you love reading stories or going to the theatre? Are you interested in other people's imaginations, thoughts and ideas? English Literature enables you to become a sophisticated reader who understands that literature is the product of exciting and imaginative thinking. It gives you the opportunity to explore and analyse great literary writing – poetry, novels and plays – and to discuss it with other people.

Content and Assessment

Component 1 POETRY -

Examination: 2 Hours

Section A Poetry pre 1900

One two part question on pre 1900 poetry

Section B: Poetry post 1900

One question from a choice of two comparing two post 1900 poets.

Component 2 DRAMA –

Examination: 2 Hours

Section A: Shakespeare

One two part question

Section B: Drama

One question from a choice of two comparing two plays.

Component 3 UNSEEN

TEXTS – Examination: 2

Hours

Section A: Unseen Prose

One question from a choice of two analysing an unseen passage of prose.

Section B: Unseen poetry

One question from a choice of two analysing an unseen poem.

Component 4 NON

EXAMINATION

ASSESSMENT 2500-3000

words.

Based on the reading of two prose texts from different periods one pre 2000 and one post 2000.

Teaching

The classes will involve a range of different teaching approaches. You will be asked to read the set texts in preparation for lessons and to take part in whole group and small group discussions. You will explore novels, plays and poetry in active and creative ways. You will analyse examples of excellent work completed by your peers.

The Future

People who can analyse written material synthesise ideas and construct an argument can apply their skills to many different professions. This course develops these and other related skills. Many universities offer courses linked to this A Level: English Literature is the most obvious, but the wide reaching benefits of the subject make it a desirable A Level for many other courses including Law, Journalism and other careers in the media, as well as any communications based professions.



Independent Learning

Independent learning tasks in English Literature

<p>After a lesson take the time to transfer any notes you've made on photocopied poems, in books, plays, etc. to 'cue cards' for revision purposes. Try colour-coding your notes according to the AOs- for example, any structural techniques/observations note in red pen, any language techniques note in green pen and so on. Devise your own system and stick to it!</p>	
<p>Use the school library's computer bank to access the e-magazine website. Find an article that discusses your studied author/text and summarise it in less than 200 words. Browse other articles regularly and pick up analytical phrases that you think would sound impressive in an essay. Jot them down somewhere safe.</p>	
<p>Everyone likes an all-you-can-eat buffet... you can have your own literary buffet up in the library! Sit down with 5 novels chosen at random from The Booker Prize archive: http://www.themanbookerprize.com/prize/archive Read the opening few pages of each and jot down your initial observations about the narrative voice, style, imagery etc. Decide which book you personally feel has the biggest impact in the opening pages and send an e-mail to another word-nerd/book-fiend explaining your choice. You could even copy your Literature teacher into the e-mail for a few Brownie points!</p>	
<p>Now you are coming to the end of your first novel for the Creative Reading course, ask Mr Protheroe in the library for other novels written by the same writer. Or if you have enjoyed the themes and ideas, find other novels in the same genre.</p>	
<p>When you receive a marked essay back, your teacher will undoubtedly give you photocopied examples of other excellent essays. Spend time reading these and highlighting any points you had not included in your own essay.</p>	
<p>Read examples of coursework given by the exam board (Ask your teacher or look on the website). More importantly, read the moderator's comments about the coursework. How can you improve your own coursework by looking at these?</p>	