ENGLISH LITERATURE

A Level

English Literature

This subject will suit you if:

- you have a genuine interest in English Literature
- you have a love of reading
- you have a spirit of adventure and inquiry
- you have a keenness for learning something new
- you have the willingness to study independently
- you have the ability to meet deadlines

AS and A-Level English Literature are now separate qualifications. AS UCAS points can be banked at the end of the year, but these points do not count towards A-Level Literature; however AS Literature lays the essential groundwork to study the A-Level.

Provisional Entry Requirements

A love of reading and a grade B in GCSE English Language & Literature

What You'll Study

At AS

At AS, your course will focus on the genre of Tragedy: there are two exam components linked by the genre of Tragedy. Paper 1 focuses on Tragic Drama, with study of Othello by Shakespeare, Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller, and a broader study of how writers have used tragic elements in plays down from Ancient Greece to today.

Our Paper 2 looks at Tragic Poetry and Prose: a study of how writers use the tragic mode in novels such as Tess of the D'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy and in a range of Poetry including The Monk's Tale by medieval poet Geoffrey Chaucer, Paradise Lost by John Milton, Tithonus by Alfred Lord Tennyson, and Miss Gee by W.H.Auden. Students will also prepare two coursework pieces: a creative monologue based on work by a Crime Writer, and an essay based on an independently chosen book of poetry. Both pieces will be related to the AQA Critical Anthology, and used as part of A-Level coursework the following year.

At A Level

When did Detective Fiction begin? With Edgar Allen Poe, or even earlier?

At A-Level (formerly known as A2), we will revise the texts already studied for the Tragedy Syllabus, adding study of the following texts for our paper on Crime Writing: When Will There Be Good News by Kate Atkinson, Brighton Rock by Graham Greene and a Poetry Anthology including work by Browning and Crabbe.

This will be a great opportunity for wider reading in the accessible and popular genre of Crime Writing.

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Why I Chose English Literature ~ Holly

"I enjoy reading immensely and a subject that offered this, especially with such an interesting array of books, was great. Choosing English Literature for me was an obvious choice, not only had I enjoyed it immensely at GCSE but the literature which we were going to study interested me. Literature not only helps my essay writing skills but my analytical skills and these

I have enjoyed the independent aspect of the course – researching different interpretations for example or some further background context on the work done in class. It also covers historical context and social context which I find particularly engaging as well.
Both my teachers have provided support when needed whilst allowing me and the students in my class to work independently. The teaching style is different and more independent but teachers still provide all the support you require. My teachers have constantly challenged and supported me through individual and group presentations, providing extra-curricular clubs for Literature and suggestions for new books to read."

Enrichment

We provide various opportunities for specific targeted groups of students:

Debating Team
Parrs Wood has a long tradition of debating success and we were national debating champions last year. Speak to Mr Smith if you are interested in participating and becoming a debating champion yourself!

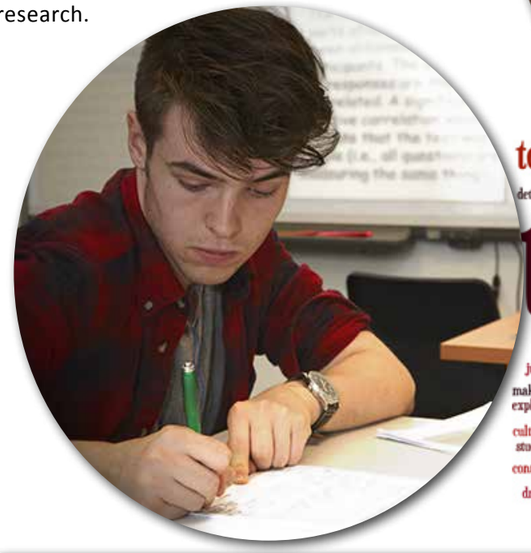
We love English Club
A gifted and talented literature club for enrichment and exploration of texts and genres outside of the Literature specification. Every week at lunch times.

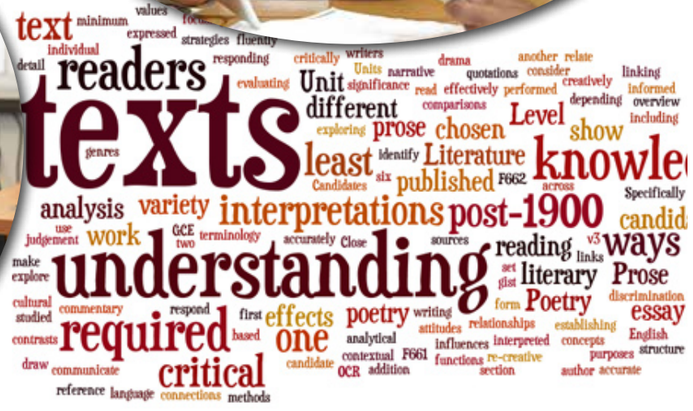
Creative Writing Group
The unique opportunity to develop creative writing skills. Guest speakers are also involved.

Primary School Investigation
The opportunity for you to visit a primary school to observe the written, reading and speaking skills of pupils within a school environment in order to gain data for your investigation coursework.

Ideas for Progression

Law, journalism, teaching, publishing, novelist, advertising, administration, marketing, PR, retail and sales positions, accountancy, banking, research.





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