

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Exam Board: OCR

FULSTON MANOR SCHOOL



WHY TAKE THIS COURSE?

As a core arts subject English Literature teaches the necessary skills for a wide range of degree courses and is highly regarded by universities. English Literature complements many other Advanced Level subjects and is especially useful for those wishing to pursue a career in the media, journalism, law and public service. Employers value the independent and critical thinking the subject nurtures and the quality of expression the course develops.

AIMS OF THE COURSE

- To read widely and independently both set texts and others they have selected for themselves
- To engage critically and creatively with a substantial body of texts and ways of responding to them
- To develop skills of argument and expression.
- To develop and effectively apply their knowledge and literary analysis and evaluation in writing
- To explore the contexts of the texts they are reading and others' interpretations of them
- To provide clear progression from GCSE

COURSE STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

Component 1: Shakespeare and drama and poetry pre-1900

Component 2: Close reading and Comparative and contextual study within the chosen topic area (American Literature)

Component 3: Literature post-1900

ASSESSMENT

Assessment consists of two examination papers and a non-examined folder of 3000 words. The assessment structure is 80 % examined assessment and 20% non-examined assessment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To be accepted onto the A Level course a student should have at least 5 GCSEs at grades 9 - 4 (or equivalent). Students should have achieved at least GCSE grade 4 and preferably a grade 5 in both English Language and English Literature. It may be possible for students to take the course if these requirements are not fulfilled following discussion with staff.