

English Literature	
Teacher in charge of subject	Mrs Wilson
Type of qualification	A level
Exam board and subject code	AQA 7717
Entry requirements	
Specific subject requirement	Grade 6 in GCSE English Literature
Course details	
<p>A Level English Literature involves the study of a wide range of texts, including prose, poetry and plays, so a love of reading is a must. Students will study Shakespeare's 'Othello', Arthur Miller's 'Death of a Salesman' and a selection of John Keats' poetry through the lens of Tragedy (Paper 1). Students will also study a range Crime Writing (Paper 2) such as Ian McEwan's 'Atonement' and Coleridge's 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner'. Students are expected to read widely outside of class.</p>	
Assessment	
<p>Over the two-year course, students will prepare for two final examination papers (80% of the final grade) and a non-exam assessment (20%).</p> <p>Paper 1 (2hr and 30 minutes) is a closed book examination on Aspects of Tragedy.</p> <p>Paper 2 (3 hours) is an open book examination on Elements of Crime Writing.</p> <p>The Theory and Independence non-exam assessment involves students selecting one poetry collection and one prose text (of their choice) and examining the texts through the lens of critical theory such as Feminism or Marxism. They will produce two essays of 1,250 – 1,500 words.</p>	
Career options	
<p>Of course, if you hanker to study English Literature in Higher Education, then an English Literature A level is a must. The new courses clearly offer plenty of scope for developing the kind of independent thought and study habits which will be essential at university level, and it's our aim to foster pupils' love of literature while fully equipping them to take their studies further.</p> <p>English Literature fits well in any combination of A level subjects. In Higher Education an increasing number of courses allow for English to be studied alongside other subjects, particularly those from the Arts or Humanities.</p> <p>The intellectual and practical skills learned and developed during this course are valued highly by universities and employers, and a good English Literature A level is widely recognised as proof of intelligence and communicative skills. Career opportunities include journalism, business and management, media and law.</p>	