

ENGLISH LITERATURE

WJEC A LEVEL

This two-year course aims to develop the students' analytical skills with regards to literature. Throughout each unit the students will improve their written expression, as well as their ability to understand difficult literary concepts and content. They will build on the skills of inference and deduction, taught at GCSE, and develop a sophisticated and critical approach to challenging texts that will serve them well for undergraduate studies.

The Course Involves:

Year One:

- *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte
- *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams
- *The Whitsun Weddings* by Philip Larkin
- *Mean Time* by Carol Ann Duffy

Year Two:

- *Poetry pre-1900s*, John Keats and unseen poetry
- *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare
- Prose Study – coursework: one novel before 2000 and one after 2000

Assessment

- **Unit 1** - Prose and Drama (closed book) - 20%
- **Unit 2** - Poetry Post-1900 (open-book, clean copy) - 20%
- **Unit 3** - Poetry Pre-1900 and Unseen Poetry - 20%
- **Unit 4** - Shakespeare - 20%
- **Unit 5** - Prose Study - 20%

Particular Subjects, Skills or Interests

As a minimum, you should have a grade B/6 in both English Language and Literature. You should have a genuine interest in reading literature and have read pre-nineteenth century texts.

Study Visits/Fieldwork

The department organises theatre visits; there is a charge for travelling and theatre bookings.



Post-18 Opportunities

English Literature A Level is highly regarded by employers due to its rigour, intellectual depth of the content, and the numerous transferable skills it demonstrates. The subject provides a good opening for careers in media & publishing, and advertising & marketing. Teaching is another option as English Literature is a subject considered important at all school stages. The analytical skills also apply well to disciplines such as law.

Subject Leader: Mrs M Maloszyo-Gibbons

Subject Champions

2021/22



Ella Bailey-Rogers

Studying: Welsh Baccalaureate, Biology, Chemistry, English Literature and Psychology.
Future aspirations: to study medicine.

Chloe Soden

Studying: Welsh Baccalaureate, Chemistry, English Literature, History and Maths.
Future aspirations: to study the Classics at university.

"We selected A Level English Literature because we believe it will enhance our analytical and critical skills. The subject challenges our understanding of different perspectives, which we cherish. Studying a wide range of texts creates an invaluable opportunity to discuss a breadth of interpretations and evaluate their contextual relevance. We will obtain highly transferable skills for other subjects and opens a variety of university and career pathways. "