

English Literature

Edexcel 9ETO

A Level

Aim

This is a skills-based A Level and you will explore a range of texts, including poetry, drama and prose from different social, political and historical contexts. The course aims to develop an understanding and appreciation of British literature and develop personal responses to texts, as well as your ability to critically analyse and evaluate a range of texts.

There is also a significant comparative element to the course which challenges you to interpret texts from different contexts and draw links between them.

Students will be exposed to a range of genres and writers, and challenged to become critical readers, exploring the methods that writers use to engage, intrigue, and convey messages to their readers.

Content

The course will cover:

- Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
- The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood
- A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams
- Othello by William Shakespeare
- Selected Poems by John Keats
- Poems of the Decade poetry anthology
- The Color Purple by Alice Walker

Why

You'll enjoy this course if you like reading, but also if you enjoy analysing characters, plots and themes in depth. You'll enjoy it if you like working out the layers of meanings behind language and how writers convey deeper purposes, often to question what it means to be human or to challenge society itself.

Assessment

This is a two year course.

A-level: three exams (Drama, Prose and Poetry) and a coursework module, which comprises of an extended essay comparing two texts of your choice.

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