

English Literature A-level AQA Exam Board



Why Study English Literature?

The course offers a study of literature through the lens of historicism, encouraging the independent study of a range of texts within a shared context, giving logic and meaning to the way that texts are grouped for study.

This unifying approach facilitates the inclusion of a range of wider reading, thus extending students' experience and appreciation of literature.

Offering clear progression from GCSE, this course allows students to build on the skills and knowledge already gained and prepare for their next steps.

The variety of assessment styles used, such as passage-based questions, unseen material, single-text questions, multiple-text questions, open and closed book approaches allows students to develop a wide range of skills, such as the ability to read critically, analyse, evaluate and undertake independent research which are valuable for both further study and future employment.



Assessment Structure

Paper One: Love through the ages 40%

3 hour examination with open book question and extract questions.

Paper Two: Modern Times: Literature from 1945 to present day 40%

2.5 hour examination with open book and extract questions.

Non Exam Assessment: Independent Critical Study 20%

2500 words assignment

Possible Career Pathways:

This will be dependent on your choice of project but examples include:

- Medicine
- Law
- Journalism
- Politics
- Teaching

Advised Entry Requirements:

Grade 5 for Language and Literature GCSEs

Specification Link

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/as-and-a-level/english-literature-a-7711-7712>