

A Level English Literature

Explore powerful stories, complex characters and ideas that still matter today.



Why choose this subject?

Literature lets you travel through time, step into other people's lives and see the world through their eyes. You'll explore what makes us human: love, conflict, power, identity, suffering and ambition. You'll develop empathy, challenge your own ideas and debate different interpretations with others. If you enjoy asking questions, thinking deeply and seeing things from a different perspective, English Literature is for you.

What will I study?

In Year 12, you'll explore Love Through the Ages in all its forms: passionate, joyful, destructive, possessive and powerful. You'll consider how writers have explored relationships, desire, identity and power, and debate what their work reveals about human nature.

In Year 13, you'll turn to war literature, exploring the realities and consequences of conflict. You'll consider what war costs humanity, how it changes people and what it expects of men, including ideas of masculinity, courage, sacrifice and loss.

Where can this subject take me?

English Literature skills are valuable in almost any career, from journalism, law and education to publishing, media, psychology and beyond. It can also provide an excellent foundation for further study at university.

Entry Requirements



5 GCSE English Literature