

Year 12 students



Student Comments

“ English Literature A Level has really built on the skills I developed at GCSE. I have really enjoyed the focus on modern literature for Paper 2.”

“One of the great aspects of the course is how you can build in your own literary interests. I loved that I was able to tailor the NEA to include a theme I was interested in and a text of my choice.”

“The discussion element of the lessons really helps me to think about my own responses. We are encouraged to share ideas and opinions and feel confident in lessons to challenge our ideas and beliefs.”



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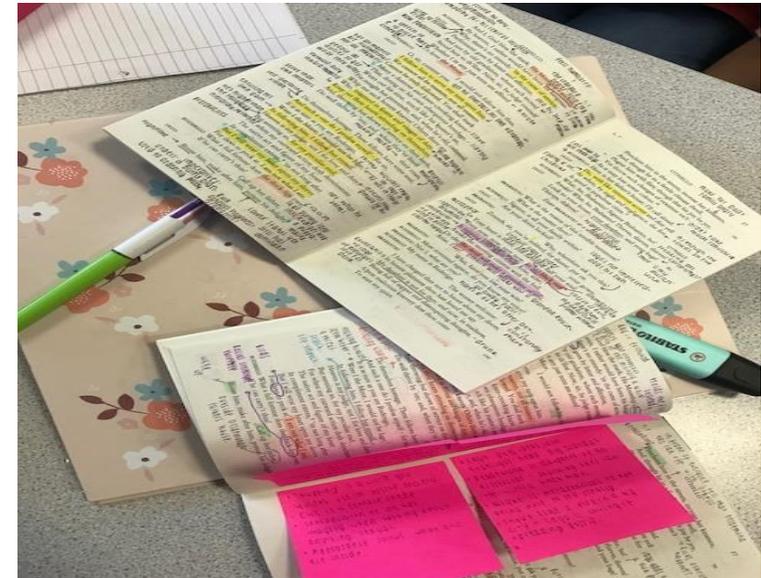
Trinity Sixth Form



English Literature

AQA Specification A

Succeeding Together



What is the level of course I will take?

A Level

Entry Requirements

GCSE grade 6 in English Literature along with at least a GCSE grade 5 in English Language.

How will I be assessed?

Examinations:

Paper 1: Love Through the Ages.

- 3 hours
- Open book in Section C
- 40% of final mark

Paper 2: Texts in Shared Contexts. Modern Times: Literature from 1945 to the present day.

- 2 hours 30 minutes
- Open book
- 40% of final mark

Non-examined Assessment (NEA)

- One 2500 comparative essay.
- Assessed in school.
- 20% of final mark

How will the course help me after Sixth Form?

English Literature is a fascinating course and many of our students go on to study it at degree level, it is also a long established route into degrees such as Law. Having an A Level in English Literature will demonstrate that you have excellent written communication skills and sharp analytical ability.

Course Content

Paper 1: Love Through the Ages.

- Section A: Shakespeare—Othello
- Section B: Unseen Poetry
- Section C: Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte and a collection of modern love poetry.

Paper 2: Texts in Shared Contexts. Modern Times: Literature from 1945 to the present day.

- Section A: A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams
- Section B: Skirrid Hill by Owen Sheers and The Color Purple by Alice Walker. Unseen Prose.

Non-examined Assessment.

A 2500 word essay comparing two texts. One text is 'taught' the other is chosen by the student. The task is formulated by the student in discussion with the teacher.

Further Information

For further information see Ms Gould, Mrs Mills or Miss Smith.