

# A LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE

## Why study English Literature?

An A Level in English Literature is viewed by employers and higher education institutions alike as an esteemed qualification, highly desirable in many job sectors and areas of study. It is a subject for students who enjoy reading and discussing literature, who are adept at bringing to the surface texts' deeper meanings, and who want to challenge themselves by studying a wide range of novels, plays and poetry. You will learn how to analyse, interpret, compare and understand texts; how to construct an argument in writing; and how to evaluate the influence of various contextual factors on a text's reception and production. Graduates of A Level English Literature are readers for life and feel more empowered to tackle texts outside of their comfort zones as a result of their study.

This subject will be of particular interest to those who want to go on to study English Literature, English Language, Philosophy, History, Communication Studies, Theology, Law, Classical Studies, Art History or Social Studies, among others, at University.

Additionally, a qualification in English Literature will be especially beneficial for students interested in a career in public relations, advertising, television and the media, law, publishing, journalism, copy writing, editing, human relations, administration, diplomacy, politics, international communications, charity work or teaching.

## Assessment

### Exam Paper 1

2hr 30mins (40%)

Drama and Poetry pre-1900

*A Doll's House*, Henrik Ibsen

*Edward II*, Christopher Marlowe

*An Anthology of Poetry*, Christina Rossetti

### Exam Paper 2

2hr 30mins (40%)

### Comparative and Contextual Study

*The Bloody Chamber*, Angela Carter

*Frankenstein*, Mary Shelley

### Coursework

(20%)

Close reading:

*The Road*, Cormac McCarthy

Comparative essay:

*The World's Wife*, Carol Ann Duffy

*Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, Edward Albee

