English Literature

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Entry Requirements

NHGS Sixth Form entry requirements.

Aims of the Course

To hone critical reading and writing skills, engage with big ideas and develop a life-long appreciation of literature in all its forms.

Course structure and content

A Level English Literature introduces some of the finest literature of all time. Students will hone their critical reading and writing skills, engage with different ideas and perspectives on humanity, and develop their own ability to debate, evaluate and present a case.

Students study 'Hamlet' by Shakespeare and Victorian drama and poetry and explore the dystopian genre. Further texts (poetry, prose and drama) are studied for coursework.

Theme 1

Students study 'Hamlet' and debate different perspectives on the play over time. John Webster's 'The Duchess of Malfi' and Christina Rossetti's poetry are explored.

Theme 2

Students read widely in the dystopian genre and study Orwell's 1984 and Atwood's 'The Handmaid's Tale' in depth.

Theme 3

Students compare Tennessee Williams' 'A Streetcar Named Desire' and Alice Walker's 'The Color Purple', selecting a theme of their own choice. They also closely analyse Duffy's 'Feminine Gospels'.

Assessment

At the end of the Lower 6th, students sit an exam on all of the Lower 6th content. This does not count towards the final grade, but assesses the content at this half-way point before progression to the Upper 6th.

The final assessments at the end of the Upper 6th are as below:

Assessment 1 - 40% 2 hours 30 minutes written paper based on Theme 1 (60 marks).

Assessment 2 - 40% 2 hours 30 minutes written paper based on Theme 2 (60 marks).

Assessment 3 - 20% One close analysis and one comparative essay based on Theme 3 (40 marks).

Future career opportunities

It is widely recognised by universities that the skills developed through the study of English Literature are among the most transferable, with English graduates going on to develop the widest range of careers.

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