

English Literature

A-Level

Exam Board: **edexcel**



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

6+

Preferred in GCSE English Literature and Language

5+

Considered in GCSE English Literature and Language

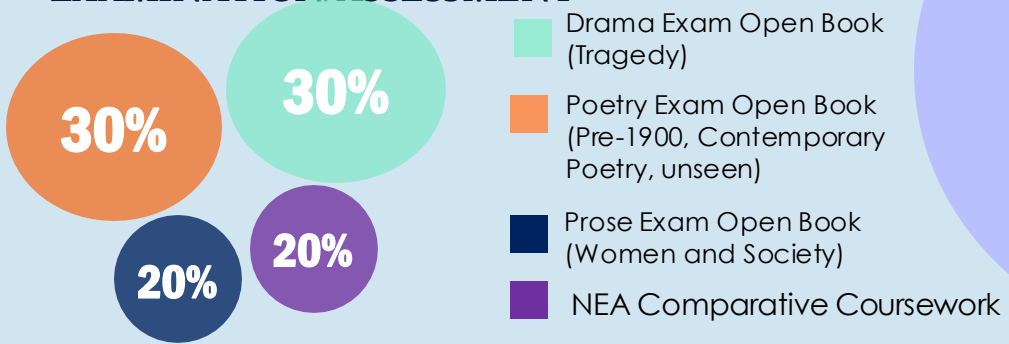


SUBJECT OVERVIEW

Genre and themes are at the heart of this new specification with the focus being on three elements of English Literature studies: poetry, prose and drama. The texts offered – ‘Othello’, ‘A Streetcar Named Desire’, ‘Tess of the d’Urbervilles’ and ‘A Thousand Splendid Suns’, to name a few – are rich in language fields, narrative and offer a multitude of opportunities to engage critically with the ideas of the authors. Students of English Literature will have ample opportunities to engage creatively with this substantive body of texts across time and develop their knowledge of literary analysis and evaluation. In short, they will be offered an exciting course where their opinions are not only encouraged, but matter. There will also be a sharp focus on the contexts of production of these texts, along with reception across time, allowing students to undertake independent and sustained study to deepen their appreciation and understanding of English Literature, including its changing traditions.

TOPICS/UNITS/MODULES	Skills Learnt
Dramatic conventions through tragedy: “Othello” by Shakespeare and “A streetcar named desire” by Tennessee Williams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical thinking and analysis • Communication
Poetry: Keats or Chaucer’s “The wife of Bath Prologue and Tale”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative thinking and interpretation • Cultural and historical awareness
Prose: “A thousand Splendid Suns” and “Tess of the d’Urbervilles”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empathy and emotional intelligence
Comparative and Thematic Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Argumentation and persuasion • Research and independent learning

EXAMINATION/ASSESSMENT



Careers

- Writer/Author
- Journalist/Editor
- Publisher/Publishing Assistant
- Teacher/Lecturer
- Law/Paralegal
- Content Creator/Influencer
- Consultant
- Film/TV Scriptwriter