

AS / A LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE

Entry requirements - 5 A-C grades at GCSE and at least a B and C grade in Language and/or Literature.

The course content for **AS** is:

Unit 1: Texts in Context—Examination 2 hours

One set poetry text plus wider reading in the area of study:

Either:

- Unit 1a Victorian Literature
- Unit 1b World War One Literature
- Unit 1C The Struggle for Identity in Modern Literature

Unit 2: Creative Study—Coursework, 2 pieces, 2500 words total

The coursework relates to the theme/period studied for the exam. The coursework will consist of one creative/interpretative piece and one contextual/analytical response to two texts and wider reading.

For A2

Unit 3: Reading for meaning—Examination 2.5 hours

Students study three wide reading texts, of all three genres, spanning different periods, which share a common theme. They are presented in the exam with unseen extracts and have to compare the presentation of the theme, e.g. Love through the ages, referring to their wider reading.

Unit 4: Extended Essay and Shakespeare Study—Coursework, 3000 words

Students produce an extended essay on three freely chosen texts, including a Shakespeare text. This unit may be extended from the theme explored in Unit 3.