

COWLEY

SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

A-LEVEL

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Overview

Love stories that challenge, inspire, and stay with you? Then English Literature is the course for you.

Immerse yourself in powerful writing and bold ideas as you explore a wide range of perspectives and themes—from gender and race to relationships, culture, and justice. This is a subject that sparks debate, invites creativity, encourages bold thinking, and offers a deeper understanding of the world around you.

But it's not just about the books. You'll enjoy theatre trips, film screenings, and plenty of chances to present, discuss, and debate your own interpretations in a vibrant classroom environment.

You will study some of literature's most compelling voices: the vivid poetry of Seamus Heaney and Owen Sheers, as well as the radical and visionary poetry of William Blake. Alongside this, you will experience the tension and drama of theatrical masterpieces like 'A Streetcar Named Desire', 'The Tempest', and 'The Duchess of Malfi'. You'll also take the lead in choosing a novel to contrast with Jane Austen's 'Persuasion', crafting a comparative coursework project that makes up 20% of your final grade.

With the support of our enthusiastic and experienced team, you'll build the skills and confidence to think critically, write creatively, and aim for top results.

Lessons

Lessons consist of round-table discussions, analysis and essay work. There are lots of opportunities to explore meanings and debate ideas.

Support

Our teachers are passionate about literature, can always recommend a good book and go the extra mile for our students by mentoring and offering extra revision classes. A range of notes and resources will be supplied and you can email your teachers if you have questions or need further support.

Equipment that you will need

Basic stationery: pens, pencils, a notepad and highlighters.

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I enjoy English Literature because it allows you to explore poetry, plays and novels on a deeper level and opens your eyes to how literature reflects everything.

The subject also helps you to form and analyse opinions on popular issues.



Progression

Studying English will get you places: English Literature is seen as a facilitating subject helping with applications to Russell Group universities and supports a wide range of careers, including law, business, the media and creative industries.