



## English Literature

### **One year AS/Two year A level.**

This course involves the study of influential and interesting literature. You will read texts written by modern authors as well as works by famous writers from the past. Through studying novels, plays and poetry you will develop your analytical skills and your ability to communicate both in writing and verbally. The course will encourage an enjoyment of reading and help you to develop as an informed, independent reader.

### **Requirements:**

The College minimum to start an advanced level course is one grade B and four grade Cs at GCSE. Students wishing to undertake this course require grade C or above in GCSE English Language and grade C or above in GCSE English Literature if studied previously. The student will also be expected to meet the Average Points Score for this subject.

### **This subject will focus on:**

- AS World War One Literature or The Struggle for Identity in Modern Literature;
- A2 The Literature of Love Through the Ages; • the study of prose, poetry and non-fiction;
- a Shakespeare play;
- two AS coursework essays, one on a drama text and the other on a prose text (which includes an opportunity for a creative response); and
- an A2 coursework essay comparing three texts which includes building independent reading and analysis skills, the relationship between texts and their contexts and wide and close reading.

### **Method of assessment:**

Assessment is by examination (60%) and coursework (40%).

### **Progression:**

Employers and universities value the skills developed by this course. You can apply for an English degree but other subjects also appreciate the analytical skills, independence of thought and communication skills which this qualification enhances. These skills are also sought by a wide range of professions.

### **Other information:**

Students enjoy discussing literature and we usually run a variety of trips, including a poetry study trip to the World War One trenches. Chloe, an A Level Literature student, describes the course as: "very interesting...I have enjoyed learning about the deeper meanings of texts."

Kevin McNamara (ex Bower Park) comments: "It's the perfect choice for anyone who wants to see the world through different eyes and walk a mile in someone else's shoes."

The pass rate for A Level English Literature for the last three years averages at 99%.