



GCSE English Literature

One year course.

Students will combine this course with up to five other GCSEs.

This successful course will develop your ability to read and respond to a wide range of literary texts. It will also help to develop your writing skills and should help to build your confidence when taking part in discussions.

Requirements:

The College minimum to start a GCSE course is four GCSEs at grade D or above. Students wishing to undertake this course do not need to have studied English Literature previously but should have achieved a grade D in GCSE English Language.

This subject will focus on:

- Shakespeare, modern drama and a pre-1914 novel; and
- a modern novel and a selection of poetry.

You can expect to:

- read a range of drama, fiction and poetry;
- develop your ability to understand and appreciate literature;
- learn skills to interpret texts and form persuasive opinions about them; and
- build your essay-writing techniques, such as creating and defending an argument.

Method of assessment:

Assessment is by coursework and examination.

Progression:

You may be able to progress on to AS level courses or BTEC National Certificate/Diploma programmes. Employers will also value the skills developed through studying English Literature.

Other information:

73% of students achieved a grade A-C in the period from 2005 to 2008.