



DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL

ADVANCED LEVEL COURSE 2022-2024

English Literature

Specification Edexcel

Entry Requirements

Grade 6 in English Language or English Literature GCSE.

What do I need to know or be able to do before taking this course?

Advanced study of English Literature builds on the skills and knowledge acquired during GCSE. Analytical study of literary texts forms the basis of the course. The course will give you the opportunity to explore a wide range of challenging texts, both in discussion and in writing, and considerable emphasis is put on you developing your own ideas about the books you study. You will be expected to explore connections between texts as well as learn about their social, cultural and historical contexts.

What will I learn on this course? Godisamazing2020

- 'Poems of the Decade' (an anthology of poems written in the last ten years)
- 'A Streetcar named Desire' (a play by Tennessee Williams)
- A collection of poems by Christina Rossetti
- 'Othello'
- A selection of modern unseen poetry
- 'A Thousand Splendid Suns' and 'Wuthering Heights' for an exam
- A selection of novels for coursework. These could include, 'Never Let Me Go' (Kazuo Ishiguro), 'Enduring Love' (Ian McEwan), 'The Collector' (John Fowles), 'War of the Worlds' (HG Wells), 'The Great Gatsby' (F. Scott Fitzgerald) and Dracula (Bram Stoker)
Coursework texts can be completely free choice

How is the course structured?

Unit	Title	Weighting	Assessment Type
1	Drama	30%	Exam
2	Prose	20%	Exam
3	Poetry	30%	Exam
4	Non-examination assessment	20%	Coursework

What skills will I develop by doing this course?

The course will enable you to

- Develop your interest and enjoyment in literature by reading widely
- Gain an understanding of the traditions of English Literature
- Communicate your response to a wide variety of texts and respond to texts of different types and periods
- Make informed opinions and judgements on literary texts
- Gain an understanding of cultural, historical and other influences on texts

What kind of student is this course suitable for?

This course will appeal to students who

- Have an interest in reading a wide variety of literature from the past and present
- Enjoy expressing their opinions and justifying their comments on texts
- Enjoy studying a subject which is relevant to their own lives and experiences
- Want to keep their options open for further study - English Literature is a popular qualification for a wide range of courses in higher education or for future careers

What could I go on to do at the end of my course?

Students with A Level English Literature have a wide range of possible career and higher education opportunities. You will learn and use a wide variety of transferable skills during the course. These include writing for a variety of purposes, responding to literary texts, expressing informed and independent opinions and identifying and developing the links between different parts of the subject. These skills are in demand from employers and universities and colleges and are also valuable in their own right.

English Literature can be studied as a single subject in higher education or can be combined with a wide variety of other subjects. It could form a good basis for study in any arts based subject in combination with, for example, History, Media studies, Philosophy, Law, Politics or Languages.