

English



at RHB Sixth Form

Studying English Literature at A Level is a journey of *discovery* and *growth*. It is about diving into the depths of *classic* and *contemporary* texts, exploring *diverse* perspectives, and honing critical thinking skills. You will engage in *thought-provoking* discussions, analyse complex themes, and develop a profound appreciation for *the power of language*. This experience will not only enhance your analytical abilities but will also foster *empathy* and *creativity*. It will be a transformative period where you can connect with timeless stories and ideas, preparing you for a world beyond the classroom with a *richer understanding* of humanity and culture.

“English A-level allows you to engage in literature to university level: the content and group discussion are as enriching as the teaching, inspiring you to read around your course and bring new ideas to class.”

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COURSE OUTLINE

The A-Level course offers you the chance to explore English Literature in all its diversity. You will encounter a wide range of texts, from Shakespearean tragedy to contemporary global fiction. You will study the human condition, enhance your cultural awareness, develop a sense of self and understanding of others, exchange ideas in informal groups where your opinions are valued, work with a passionate department, discuss political philosophies, ethics and morality, life, death and everything in between.

There are four sections of the course:

Drama (30%) 2 hours 15 mins.

Prose (20%) 1 hour 15 mins.

Poetry (30%) 2 hours 15 mins.

Coursework (20%)

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

Further Education

We have a consistent record of students going on to study English Literature at Oxford or Cambridge University. Beyond Oxbridge, we have a proud record of students gaining places in other Russell Group universities and more idiosyncratic courses further afield: in recent years we have sent students off to Belfast to study English with Creative Writing, to Manchester to read Film Studies and English Literature and to Cardiff to study Media, Journalism and Culture.

Careers

Studying English Literature at Sixth Form opens a myriad of career opportunities. With strong analytical, communication, and critical thinking skills, graduates can pursue careers in journalism, publishing, and media. They are well-equipped for roles in education, such as teaching or academic research. The ability to craft compelling narratives and understand complex texts also makes them valuable in marketing, public relations, and advertising. Additionally, their skills are highly sought after in law, where precise language and persuasive argumentation are crucial. Ultimately, an English Literature background provides a versatile foundation for a wide range of professions and is highly prized by employers.

ENRICHMENT

There are plenty of enrichment opportunities available to English Sixth Form students, from school magazines, to Debating Club, and from theatre trips to ad hoc 'Lit Lunches' where students gather in the Sixth Form library to enjoy reading led by teachers. The English Department is central to the vibrant cultural life of the school.

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