



English Literature

Overview

The English Literature course offers students many different learning styles and opportunities to engage with Literature in a very wide variety of contexts, helping them to develop skills in interpretation and analysis through the reading, observation and discussion of texts. The gradual acquisition of experience, and of literary and linguistic awareness through independent study, is the process which creates a strong A Level candidate.

Students will follow the Pearson English Literature course (code 9ETO)

Component 1: Drama Students will get the opportunity to study one Shakespeare play surrounding the theme of tragedy enriched by an anthology of critical essays alongside the study of one other drama text.

Component 2: Prose Students will be able to study two prose texts comparatively focusing on a specific theme.

Component 3: Poetry Students will get the chance to study classic poetry from a specific literary period, or poet, as well as studying a more modern, post 2000 collection of poetry.

NEA: Students will be able to delve into their passion for Literature by writing a 3000-word essay with a focus on two literary texts of their choosing.

Expectations

We expect our students to become avid readers, and to take as much responsibility as possible for their learning and for the development of their cultural awareness. This is a subject in which we can direct you towards key skills and give you a chance to broaden your literary and cultural experience. Wider reading can help students to establish a sense of authority in their responses to any given text.

Entry Requirement: There are no additional entry requirements to those mentioned in the Sixth Form Prospectus. However, a Grade 6 in GCSE English Literature is preferable but not essential.

Extra-Curricular Activities/Independent Learning Opportunities

We place strong emphasis on academic learning beyond the classroom and the prescribed specifications. We expect Sixth Form students to work independently and to take full advantage of the resources that the Library and academic facilities provide. The extra-curricular life of Prince William School is varied, from theatre productions to visits from authors and University visits. All pupils are expected to play a full and active part in the extra-curricular life of the School. Additionally, the school offers opportunities for students to act as learning mentors for Reading and Literacy with younger students.