

# English Literature

## A Level

Are you interested by a wide range of literature? Are you confident when discussing your opinions of texts? Would you like to explore how meaning is shaped in both new and old writing? This popular course will enable you to do all of these and more.

### Year 1

Core content: Love through the ages.

### Year 2

Core content: Love through the ages; texts in shared contexts; independent critical study - texts across time.

### Texts Studied

William Shakespeare 'Othello'

F. Scott Fitzgerald 'The Great Gatsby'

Margaret Atwood 'The Handmaid's Tail'

Tennessee Williams 'Streetcar Named Desire'

Carol Ann Duffy 'Feminine Gospels'

Nathaniel Hawthorne 'The Scarlett Letter'

### How will I learn?

Lessons will provide opportunities for discussion and sharing your views with others. As part of your private study in English, you will also undertake some research into the social, historical and cultural background of the texts you study.

### Where can I go after the course?

Careers: Journalism; Teaching; Speech Therapy; Publishing; Law and Management; Linguistics; Advertising; Writing; Media; Drama; Librarianship; Business Management.

Further Education: English Literature; Sociology; Psychology; History; Geography; Law; Journalism; Languages; Creative Writing; Drama; Media.

### Entry Requirements

Standard 6th Form entry requirements. It is preferred that students have a minimum of a GCSE grade 6 in this or a related subject.

### Assessment at the end of Year 2

Paper 1: Study of three texts (one poetry, one prose and one

Shakespeare (40%)

Paper 2: Either WW1 and its

aftermath, or modern times (literature from 1945 to the present). Study of three texts (one poetry, one prose and one drama) (40%)

'NEA Coursework': Comparative critical study of two texts (extended essay of 2500 words) (20%)

### Exam Board

AQA

*English Literature is on the 'preferred' choices list for all Russell Universities.*

