



# 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.

Assessment 1: Study of two texts; one Shakespeare play and one AQA Anthology of love poetry (exam is closed book).

Assessment 2: Study of two prose texts and an unseen prose extract (exam is open book).

### Year 2

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

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

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).

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

### 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.

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

### 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

80% written examination;  
Two papers, both worth 40%.  
20% coursework.