

GCSE English Literature



ALSOP HIGH SCHOOL

AIM:

The aim of the course is to produce a pupil who has studied a wide range of fiction. They must study a post 1914 British text, a Shakespearean play, a 19th Century novel, and a range of poetry.

Where will it take you?

This is not the specific GCSE English that colleges demand, but will contribute to a total grade requirement/average expectation (5 GCSEs in most cases) that is placed upon pupils applying for particular courses.

Careers in Journalism; the Library Service; Business; Teaching; IT; Writing; Accounting; Finance; Law; HR; Publishing; Politics and the Civil Service are just some of the areas that can be accessed with an A level or degree in English Literature.

'Literature is one of the most interesting and significant expressions of humanity.' P.T. Barnum.

What will you learn?

Pupils will study the following in preparation for two exams (a total of 4 hours):

- Romeo and Juliet
- Blood Brothers
- A Christmas Carol
- An anthology of poets - "Power and Conflict"

How will you learn?

Reading and annotating sophisticated texts, creating success criteria(s), practice papers, writing in a range of styles, grammar lessons, spelling tests, weekly English homework.

What skills will you need to complete the course?

A love of reading and an inquiring mind are both important to be successful in English Literature study. Resilience and persistence when dealing with more challenging language in some texts will enable students to excel in their work.

What homework can you expect?

You will be expected to read the books at home and complete practice papers closer to the exams. You will also have weekly individual revision and research tasks.

Additional Requirements

It is really beneficial for pupils to purchase their own copies of the texts so they can make annotations and notes as we read in class. Moreover, it is advantageous to have read the texts before we study them in class.

In addition, attending a live performance or purchasing a revision guide for the texts listed above will also have a positive impact on each pupil's learning.

For further information please see Mrs Morley.