

AS / A2 English^(1-2 years)

What kind of student is this qualification suitable for?

A level English is suitable for students who:

- Want to further develop their understanding of English Literature and Literature from around the world.
- Want to use English to support other qualifications or progress onto further studies or employment.
- Want to understand the creative process of writing and develop their own writing skills.

What do I need to know or be able to do before taking this course?

The qualification builds on the knowledge, understanding and process skills that you will have developed in GCSE English Literature and Language. Students are expected to have achieved at least a GCSE Grade B in English Language and Literature.

Complementary subjects

This subject is greatly complemented by Humanities subjects such as AS History.

What is in the units?

AS

Students study poetry and prose from 1800-1945. This will include the study of poets such as Wilfred Owen and Emily Dickenson as well as novelists such as Jane Austen and Emily Bronte. Students also study a post 1900 Literature unit. This may include novelists such as Pat Barker and Jack Kerouac.

A2

For A2 students study pre-1800 drama and poetry, which would include Shakespeare and poets such as John Donne and Geoffrey Chaucer. They are also required to study a thematic unit, such as gothic writing, feminist perspectives or perspectives on America.

What could I go on to do at the end of my course?

English leads on to a wide range of courses and careers. You could go on to use English to support other qualifications or progress onto further studies or employment. This could be:

- A higher degree in English Literature, for which English A Level would be a pre-requirement.
- A Post Graduate Certificate in Education, which is required to teach in primary and secondary schools.
- A career in journalism, advertising or publishing.
- want to use English to support other qualifications or progress onto further studies or employment.

