Course Summary
At A-Level:
We are proud to offer A-level English Literature from Edexcel due to the breadth of texts offered. Students study three examined components and one non-examined assessment. Students are expected to read, analyse and critically evaluate Twelfth Night and The Importance of Being Earnest and two novels about childhood. The third component is a selection of poetry, building on the strong skillset already established at GCSE. The NEA provides students with independence to pursue an extended comparative task close to their own interests.

Course Assessment A-level
Three written exams:
Component 1: Drama 2 hours 15 mins (30%)
  Section A: Shakespeare – 35 marks
  One essay question on Twelfth Night
  Section B: Other drama – 25 marks
  One essay question on The Importance of Being Earnest
Component 2: Prose 1 hour 15 mins (20%)
  One comparative essay on the novels studied. – 40 marks
Component 3: Poetry 2 hours 15 mins (30%)
  Section A: Contemporary Poetry – 30 marks
  One comparative essay
  Section B: Poetry Collections – 30 marks
  One essay on the collection studied.
NEA: 20% 60 marks 2500-3000 words
One comparative essay.

What to do afterwards
As a ‘traditional subject’, English Literature is well regarded and supportive of entry to a wide range of further education courses and professions including Teaching, Law, Journalism, Media and Social Sciences. For those considering taking the subject to degree, there are many English Literature degrees, offering opportunities to explore an exciting range of literature in all its forms from all periods.

“I want to go on to study French and work internationally as a journalist so English Literature helps me to develop my writing and analytical skills. I have a passion for reading and find the reasoning behind authorial choices fascinating.”
Charlotte, studying English Literature, French & Economics.”

Reading around the subject
Any modern or classic best sellers!

Entry Requirements: You need to have achieved a Grade 6 in English Language or Literature