

English Literature

Why study English Literature?

English Literature is a dynamic and forward-looking subject that enables you to think more deeply about literature and develop highly valued transferable skills. It's a useful springboard for a range of higher education courses or career paths, particularly suited to those who enjoy expressing their ideas in discussion and on paper. By studying English Literature, you'll explore literature more deeply and refine your communication skills.

Entry Requirements

You will usually require a Grade 8 in your English Literature and a Grade 7 in your English Language GCSE to study the subject at LHS.

Course Content

The course includes the study of:

- Poetry, prose and drama from the 15th century to the present day
- Text by authors such as Shakespeare and Rossetti
- Drama and poetry pre-1900, including a detailed study of a Shakespeare text
- Comparative and contextual study of a genre

Relevance

English is a highly valued subject that is widely respected for its academic rigour, making it a popular choice for those looking to develop their critical thinking and analytical skills.

Career versatility

An A Level in English Literature can lead to a wide range of career paths, including law, journalism, philosophy, and many others, as it provides a strong foundation in critical thinking, analysis, and communication, making English graduates highly employable in various sectors.

Academic flexibility and skills developed:

English Literature pairs well with subjects like History, Religious Studies, and Classics, but is also popular with linguists and scientists who enjoy a different method of study. By studying English Literature, you'll develop your ability to think critically, analyse, and evaluate, as well as synthesise ideas, reflect upon them, and form your own cogent, articulate, and independent arguments, which will enhance your other studies and prove useful in the workplace.