



PRINCE WILLIAM SCHOOL

English Literature

Overview:

The English Literature course offers students many different learning styles and opportunities to engage with Literature in a very wide variety of contexts, helping them to develop skills in interpretation and analysis through the reading, observation and discussion of texts. The gradual acquisition of experience, and of literary and linguistic awareness through independent study, is the process which creates a strong A Level candidate.

A Level Content:

Component 1: Drama Students will get the opportunity to study one Shakespeare play surrounding the theme of tragedy enriched by an anthology of critical essays alongside the study of one other drama text.

Component 2: Prose Students will be able to study two prose texts comparatively focusing on a specific theme.

Component 3: Poetry Students will get the chance to study classic poetry from a specific literary period, or poet, as well as studying a more modern, post 2000 collection of poetry.

NEA: Students will be able to delve into their passion for Literature by writing a 3000 word essay with a focus on two literary texts of their choosing.

Entry Requirements:

To be considered for a place on this course you must achieve at least a Grade 6 in GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature.

Expectations:

We expect our students to become avid readers, and to take as much responsibility as possible for their learning and for the development of their cultural awareness. This is a subject in which we can direct you towards key skills and give you a chance to broaden your literary and cultural experience. Wider reading can help students to establish a sense of authority in their responses to any given text.

Extra-Curricular Activities/Independent Learning Opportunities:

We place strong emphasis on academic learning beyond the classroom and the prescribed specifications. We expect Sixth Form students to work independently and to take full advantage of the resources that the Library and academic faculty's provide. The extra-curricular life of Prince William School is varied, from theatre productions to visits from authors and University visits. All pupils are expected to play a full and active part in the extra-curricular life of the School.

Additionally, the school offers opportunities for students to act as learning mentors for Reading and Literacy with younger students.

Career Pathways:

What careers can English lead to (taken from prospects.ac.uk):

Jobs directly related to your subject include:

Digital Copywriter; Editorial Assistant; English as a Foreign Language Teacher; Lexicographer; Magazine Journalist; Newspaper Journalist; Primary School Teacher; Secondary School Teacher; Writer.

Jobs where your subject would be useful include:

Academic Librarian; Advertising Account Executive; Advertising Copywriter; Arts Administrator; Information Officer; Marketing Executive; Public Relations Officer; Records Manager.

Good combinations of other subject to study with English are:

History, Religious Education, Art, Psychology, French/Spanish, English Literature.

Student Testimonials:

"I really enjoy English Literature, it fits in well with my other subjects that I study and encourages me to think in an analytical way." "I enjoy the wide range of texts we study at A Level. I believe that my strengths lie in analysing and applying context to the text as well as finding alternate approaches and criticism."