



ENGLISH LITERATURE

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Introduction:

You will begin A Level English Literature with two introductory units taught by different teachers: Unseen Prose and Unseen Poetry. These units will develop the analytical skills needed throughout the course. You will then move on to studying *The Great Gatsby* and the AQA Pre-1900 Love Poetry Anthology, while with your other teacher you will study Tennessee Williams' *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

Throughout the course, you will explore different interpretations of texts, develop your own critical responses and deepen your appreciation of literature from a range of periods and genres.

What to bring for you first lesson:

Please bring a subject folder and dividers to your first lesson. You will be shown how to organise your materials and will receive a student handbook explaining the structure and expectations of the course.

You will be provided with an exercise book for classwork, but you will also receive exemplars, articles, contextual resources and critical material for each text studied, all of which should be filed carefully for future reference.

Classwork, homework, and directed study:

Lessons will include discussion, close analysis of texts and essay writing. You will develop your understanding of context and critical viewpoints while practising the skills needed for examination success.

You should expect around five hours of independent study each week, including reading, annotation, revision activities and preparation for upcoming lessons.

Resources:

You will be given a copy of all set texts and a copy of the AQA poetry anthology, but we advise that you get your own copies so that you can highlight and annotate them accordingly.