

What can I do with a qualification in English Literature?



It may be easier to ask ‘What can I **not** do with a qualification in English Literature?’

An A level in English Literature develops your skills in written and face-to-face communication, as well as your capacity for research and your ability to understand complex ideas and theories. With this set of skills, you **very desirable** in almost every field imaginable! A Level English is held in high esteem by Universities and employers alike. A good grade can give you access into a huge range of careers. You may be thinking of the media sector which covers everything from film to television, newspapers to news blogs, advertising to PR and gaming, game reviewing or Digital Media Marketing, Events’ Management, PR, Human resources, Law, business, social work, politics, teaching, management etc. The list is endless and the possibilities are enormous! English A Level will open doors to an exciting, broad range of options, so if you’re unsure what your career path might be, then this is the one for you!

What will I study?

| Unit | Assessment Description | Weighting |
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| AS 1: The Study of Poetry 1900–Present and Drama 1900–Present | External written examination, 2 hours Students answer two questions, one from Section A and one from Section B. Section A is open book. Section B is closed book. | 60% of AS 24% of A level |
| AS 2: The Study of Prose Pre–1900 | External written examination, 1 hour Students answer one question. Closed book | 40% of AS 16% of A level |
| A2 1: Shakespearean Genres | External written examination, 1 hour 30 minutes Students answer one question. Closed book | 20% of A level |
| A2 2: The Study of Poetry Pre–1900 and Unseen Poetry | External written examination, 2 hours Students answer two questions, one from Section A and the question set in Section B. Closed book | 20% of A level |
| A2 3: Internal Assessment | Internal assessment Students complete a 2500-word essay. | 20% of A level |

How do pupils do in A Level English Literature exams?

Pupils perform consistently very well in English and report very high satisfaction levels.

Results 2016: A* 52% A grades: 20% B 23%, C 5%

100% A - C

And what the current Sixth form want you to know about English A Level!

'Best subject for discussion and participation by a mile!' Rory

'You get loads of opportunity to share your views and question others' Victoria

'Nothing like GCSE Lit – much more lively and interesting!' Emma

'There are fewer essays than at GCSE – and you get really good advice about how to write them.' Shannon

'Reading the play was brilliant and the trip to The Ulster Folk museum really brought the characters to life.' Katie

'Frankenstein was brilliant – talking to a sculptor and doing a workshop on the text really helped us understand the ideas.' Anna