



English Literature

Why study English Literature?

A Level English Literature will encourage you to develop your interest in, and enjoyment of, literary study through reading widely and critically. It will help you to develop a number of subject specific as well as transferable skills by encouraging in-depth, critical and contextual thinking in response to a range of literary texts. English Literature is a lively, relevant and engaging subject and by the end of the course you will be able to appraise different views of texts and appreciate the significance of historical and cultural influences.

Course Outline

In Year 12, we focus on aspects of comedy. The year begins with in depth study of the Shakespearian comedy 'Twelfth Night' and Jane Austen's 'Emma'. We then move on to studying 'The Importance of Being Earnest' by Oscar Wilde. In the summer term you will be guided through your non-exam assessment (10% of final grade) this will be a study of your chosen prose text through a critical lens e.g. Marxist, Feminist, Post-colonial.

In Year 13, we focus on crime writing. In addition to learning the skills need to analyse unseen crime extracts we also study 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner' by Samuel Taylor Coleridge, the modern novel 'Atonement' by Ian McEwan, and 'Brighton Rock' by Graham Greene. During the Autumn and Spring terms, you will also be guided through your second non-exam assessment (10% of final grade) this time for the poetry element of the course.

Assessment

Literature 1B – Aspects of Comedy

2hrs 30 mins, closed book, 40% of A Level

Section A: The first question asks you to analyse an extract from the Shakespeare text which you have studied.

Section B: The second question is an essay on the same text.

Section C: An essay linking 'Emma' and 'The Importance of being Earnest'

Literature 2A – Elements of Crime Writing

3 hours, open book, 40% of A Level

Section A: one compulsory question on an unseen passage

Sections B and C are essay questions based on three texts (1) Pre-1900: 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner' (2) Post-2000 Prose: 'Atonement' (3) 'Brighton Rock'

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Exam Board

AQA A Level English
Literature B

Where are they now?

Recent students of English Literature at CRGS have gone on to study:

- Bioarcheology (York)
- English and Classics (Nottingham)
- English Language and Linguistics (Lancaster)
- English Language and Literature (Oxford)
- English Literature and Creative Writing (Newcastle)
- English Literature and Sociology (Newcastle)
- French and Linguistics (Oxford)
- History (York St John)
- Law (Cambridge, York)
- Liberal Arts (Warwick)
- Medicine (Glasgow)
- Modern and Medieval Languages (Cambridge)



Non Exam Assessment: Theory and Independence

Two 1250-1500 word essays, 20% of A Level

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Is any previous knowledge required to study this subject?

You should have GCSE English Literature at Grade 5 or above. For any English A Level, a love of writing and a commitment to undertaking extensive, independent and challenging reading is imperative.

Students are required to meet the General Entry Requirement of a minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 6 with at least GCSE grade 4 in English Language and Maths.

What opportunities are there for Extended Learning?

The department has a library of materials, journals and resources which students are encouraged to use. We use the educational platform Edmodo to encourage wider reading and discussion. There are also opportunities for theatre trips and cultural visits.

What facilities are there?

The Sixth Form Library is well-stocked and the department has an extensive range of texts and journals for English Literature.

Exam Board Specification

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Notes:

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