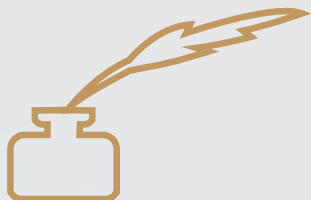




Abbey Gate College Sixth Form



English Literature

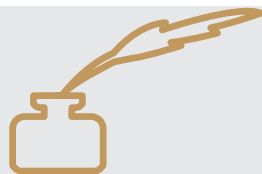
Why study English Literature at A Level?

In English Literature, an enjoyment and interest in reading becomes a rewarding subject that will develop you as a person and provide you with indispensable skills. You will learn about society both of today and in the past, other cultures and political viewpoints.

English Literature is an excellent choice for a surprisingly wide range of careers, and is highly regarded by employers and universities. This is not surprising when it develops skills of judgement, argument, analysis selection and expression. Career pathways are numerous, including the law, management, human resources, publishing, journalism and education.



Course Content



Upper Sixth:

There are three components for the English Literature A Level course:

- **Component 1: Drama and Poetry pre-1900** (Shakespeare's Hamlet, the poetry of Christina Rossetti and one further drama text to be selected according to the group) (Exam: 40%)
- **Component 2: Close reading and comparative and contextual study from chosen topic area - Dystopia (1984 by George Orwell and a further text to be selected according to the group)** (Exam: 40%)
- **Component 3: Close reading OR re-creative writing piece with commentary and comparative essay (texts selected according to the group)** (Coursework: 20%)

Students study a number of texts, drama, prose and poetry, chosen for their range and socio-historic significance. We take every opportunity to view productions, both live and streamed, to enhance the experience of what we are studying.

We follow the OCR specification.



SKILLS
obtained by
studying
**English
Literature:**

- Analyse texts and interpret meaning
- Understand complex ideas and theories
- Argue a viewpoint effectively
- Creative thinking
- Effective verbal and written communication
- Organise thoughts, ideas and materials
- Research skills