



Abbey Gate College  
Sixth Form

# English Literature

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## Why study this at A Level?

In choosing to study English Literature, an enjoyment in reading becomes a wholly rewarding subject that will develop you as an empathetic and critical learner.

*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 as it develops skills of judgment, argument, analysis and articulation.*

## Course Content and Assessment

### **Component 1:**

- *Drama and Poetry pre-1900 (Shakespeare's *The Tempest* or *Hamlet*, the poetry of Christina Rossetti and one further drama text to be selected according to the group).*

### **Component 2:**

- *Close reading, comparative and contextual study from the chosen topic area of *Dystopia* (*The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood, 1984 by George Orwell)*

## Skills obtained

- *Comprehensive written and spoken communication skills*
- *Ability to frame informed arguments*
- *Critique and analyse a broad range of materials*
- *Development in leadership and collaboration skills*
- *Excellent written communication skills*
- *Correct use of academic citations and referencing.*

Our students have gone on to pursue a number of related university courses including English Literature, Law, Politics and Film Studies. Career pathways are numerous including law, management, human resources, publishing, journalism and education.

### **Component 3:**

- *Close reading OR re-creative writing piece with commentary and comparative essays (texts selected according to the group).*

### **Assessment:**

Component 1 - 2 hour exam worth 40%  
Component 2 - 2 hour exam worth 40%  
Component 3 - Both pieces are worth 20%