

# English Literature

## A Level



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### What is English Literature?

English Literature at SMM6 will provide you with a mix of literary analysis, contextual thinking, wider reading and independent learning. This course will offer a clear progression from secured skills from GCSE to a deeper development at A-Level English.

After two years of studying A Level English Literature you will develop a discipline and enjoyment of reading through a variety of texts. You will also analyse, evaluate and undertake independent research which are valuable for both further study and future employment.

### What will I study?

#### **Paper 1: Love through the ages**

- Study of three texts: one poetry and one prose text, of which one must be written pre-1900, and one Shakespeare play.
- Examination will include two unseen poems

#### **Paper 2: Texts in shared context**

- Modern times: literature from 1945 to the present day
- Study of three texts: one prose, one poetry, and one drama, of which one must be written post-2000
- Examination will include an unseen prose extract

### What entry requirements will I need?

In addition to the general entry requirements you will need a grade 6 minimum in English Language and Literature.

### How will I be taught?

Students will learn through a variety of different methods such as group discussions, pair work and independent learning. Where possible students will also be encouraged to watch live performances of plays.

### How will I be assessed?

**Paper 1:** 3 hours written paper (worth 40% of the A-Level)

**Paper 2:** 2 hours 30 minutes written paper (worth 40% of the A-Level)

**NEA (Coursework):** 1 comparative essay (worth 20% of the A-Level)

### What career opportunities does this open up?

Students of English Literature can go on to study Law, History, Politics, Journalism, Advertising and Media, as well as literature-based degree courses.