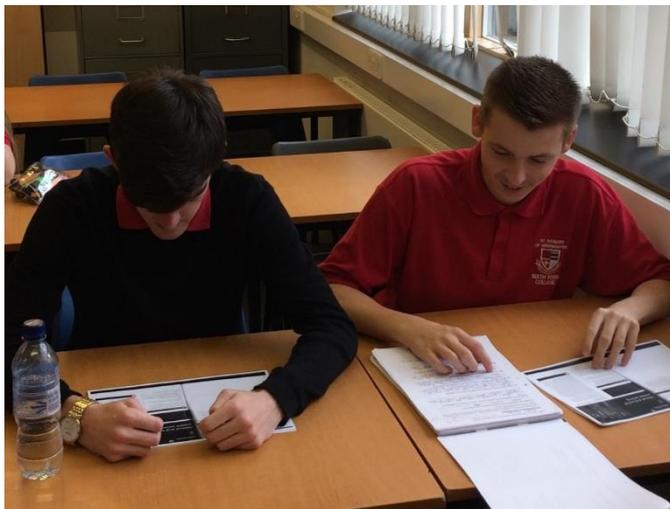


English Literature

English Literature A Level is highly regarded by universities because it demonstrates that you can organise sound arguments, which are relevant and logically presented, and that you have highly developed critical and analytical skills. English Literature explores those texts that are generally thought of as 'art' - poems, plays and novels. It is a course well suited to individuals who read for pleasure and who enjoy discussing what they read.



Case Study: Robert Renton Year 13

I chose Literature after enjoying it at GCSE. AS and A Level Literature has allowed me to read in a whole new way. I can now critically analyse and select alternative interpretations of literary texts. I particularly enjoyed studying the 'The Great Gatsby' by F Scott Fitzgerald as I can now interpret the story from a whole new perspective looking particularly at the divide in social class and the concept of the American Dream. Being able to address texts from a variety of approaches, such as Feminist or Marxist criticism or to consider how texts fit into a particular genre, such as tragedy, has encouraged me to develop my investigative skills. I have found the lessons challenging and the staff supportive. I know the skills I am developing are going to support me at university.

Entry requirements: GCSE grade 6 or above in English preferable but grade 5 considered

What will you be learning ?

You will study a range of texts including drama (at least one of which is Shakespeare), prose and poetry. Transferable skills and content will then be used at A Level, in addition to the study of further texts and the non-exam assessed portfolio

How will you be assessed?

A Level - 2 External Exams 2 hours 30 minutes to 3 hours each

Non-exam assessment –

A Level – portfolio of critical analysis of two texts

How will I be taught?

Development of personal writing expertise through individual coursework. Writing analytically and evaluating interpretations of texts. Using and registering language choices

What skills will I develop?

Further development of key skills of speaking, listening, analysis, interpretation, and written communication. Group work and problem solving skills

It complements most other A- Level subjects.