

# ENGLISH LITERATURE A Level

## Why Study this course?

- You have a genuine interest in English Literature
- You have a love of reading
- You have a spirit of adventure and inquiry
- You have a keenness for learning something new
- You have the willingness to study independently
- You have the ability to meet deadlines

## Career Progression

Law, journalism, teaching, publishing, novelist, advertising, administration, marketing, PR, retail and sales positions, accountancy, banking, research.



## What You'll Study

### Key Texts:

Our course introduces you three key areas corresponding to the three examinations in Y13:

### Fiction: Science and Society

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley. The original science fiction tale, first composed on Lake Geneva, set its mark on the gothic novel for all time. A Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood. Recently adapted for the screen, Atwood's fierce portrayal of the world turned upside down relies on real historical precedents for its dystopia.

### Drama: Tragedy

Othello by William Shakespeare – a story of revenge, racism and murder with powerfully relevant messages for today's society. A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams. A powerful story of fantasy meeting reality set in New Orleans.

### Poetry: Selected Poetry of John Donne

Follows the poet from a rambunctious life in Renaissance London to the gravest encounter with his own mortality.

### The Forward Anthology: Poems of the Decade

Represents one of the best collections of prize winning contemporary 21st century verse.

### Non-examined Assessment:

You will also prepare a single coursework dissertation on a question of their choice. You can choose from texts not studied on the curriculum, using our range of pre-prepared online resources to study - such as the literature and colonialism module, or choose texts of your own.

## Why study English Literature at PWSFC?

### Why I chose English Literature

*"I have enjoyed the independent aspect of the course – researching different interpretations for example or some further background context on the work done in class. It also covers historical context and social context which I find particularly engaging as well. Both my teachers have provided support when needed whilst allowing me and the students in my class to work independently. The teaching style is different and more independent but teachers still provide all the support you require. My teachers have constantly challenged and supported me through individual and group presentations, providing extra-curricular clubs for Literature and suggestions for new books to read." - Holly*

### Why Parrs Wood?

A Level English Literature at Parrs Wood is a rigorous, linear two year qualification following the Edexcel English Literature curriculum. The course has been chosen for its exciting and engaging texts, accessibility and relevance to life in the 21st century. At Parrs Wood we mix classic texts by Shakespeare and Mary Shelley with some of the latest in contemporary writing, as well as an opportunity to study your own choice of texts independently.

We provide various opportunities for specific targeted groups of students:

#### **We love English Club**

A gifted and talented literature club for enrichment and exploration of texts and genres outside of the Literature specification. Every week at lunch times.

#### **Primary School Investigation**

The opportunity for you to visit a primary school to observe the written, reading and speaking skills of pupils within a school environment in order to gain data for your investigation coursework.

#### **If you like this subject, you may also like:**

History, Ancient History, Drama & Theatre, English Language, Art

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