



The Cardinal Wiseman School
A Level courses 2021-23

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Entry Requirements:

6 x Level 9 to 4 GCSE passes including a level 6 in English Literature **and** English Language or a level 7 in English Literature **and** a 5 in English Language.

A Level Outline

Paper 1 Drama and Poetry Pre 1900 (Exam 2: 30)

- The Duchess of Malfi by John Webster
- Paradise Lost (Books IX and X) by John Milton
- Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare

Paper 2 Comparative and Contextual Study: The Gothic (Exam 2:30)

- A Bloody Chamber by Angela Carter
- Dracula by Bram Stoker or Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

Component 3 Literature Post 1900 and Post 2000 – essay and re-creative (Coursework)

- Rapture by Carol Ann Duffy
- Reflections in a Golden Eye by Carson McCullers
- A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams

What skills will I develop?

- To develop your interest and enjoyment of literary studies through reading widely, independently and critically.
- To develop as confident, independent and reflective readers of a range of texts, learning to express your responses effectively through speech and writing.
- To use critical concept and terminology with understanding and discrimination.
- A knowledge and understanding of individual texts to explore comparisons and links between them and to appreciate the significance of culture and historical influences upon readers and writers.

How will this subject help me with my future career?

English Literature is a versatile A Level which will help you with almost any career that you wish to pursue, for example, law and journalism. It is a highly academic subject which is valued by universities.