



Awarding Body: OCR

Who is the course for?

You will enjoy English if you have an interest in reading and discussing. You will be interested in finding out about poems, plays and novels written in different times. If you want to study subjects that are relevant to your own life and experiences and will enjoy reading independently, this is a good choice of subject.

What can it lead to?

English can be a good foundation for further study in the humanities and social sciences and can lead to a wide variety of careers. Opportunities include working in law, media, research, and teaching.

What are the entry requirements?

6 A* to C grades at GCSE (or levels 9-5) including Maths and English. You will find it easier to complete the course if you have obtained at least a B grade (level 6) at GCSE.

What will I Study?

This qualification gives you the opportunity to study literature across the genres of prose, poetry, and drama, and to read around concepts of literature and literary analysis.

Year 12

Exam 1 – Shakespeare and Poetry Pre-1900 ('Twelfth Night,' and 'The Merchant's Tale' by Chaucer))

Exam 2 – Drama and Prose (Nineteen Eighty-Four,' by George Orwell)

Year 13

Exam 1 – Drama and Poetry Pre 1900 (Duchess of Malfi, The Merchant's Prologue and Tale, and Twelfth Night)

Exam 2 – Comparative and Contextual Study (Nineteen Eighty-Four and The Handmaid's Tale)

Coursework – Literature Post 1900

One Critical Piece (1000 words)

One Comparative Piece (2000 words on two linked texts)

How will I be taught?

Through lectures, discussion and practical activity including visits to theatres, exhibitions, and museums.

How will I be assessed?

First Year (Year 12)

As English Literature is now a Linear exam, no students will sit an exam at the end of Year 12.

Second Year (Year 13)

Exam 1 in June (40% of the GCE)

Exam 2 in June (40% of the GCE)

Coursework (Two pieces) – Literature Post 1900 (20% of total GCE)

What equipment or materials will I need?

You will need copies of the set texts for each year.

(Approximately £9 per text)

Course Offer Conditions

Harrow Sixth Form Collegiate expects to run courses that are offered. However, courses that do not recruit to a satisfactory level may be offered at another centre or withdrawn.