



What will Year 12 students learn and how many lessons will they have each week?

In Year 12 you will have four lessons of 1 hour each. You will have one teacher teaching one subject for two of those hours and another teaching a different subject for the other two hours, so you get a good mix of subject and teachers.

You can see further information in the Learning Journey

What will Year 12 students need to do to get the most out of their lessons?

Year 12 English Literature students need to be prepared to read independently and widely around their subject and to come to the lessons prepared to engage in discussion and analysis. It is great to learn from your peers.

It is recommended that you buy all the books you need so that you can annotate them.

English Literature students need to be able to apply their learning to aspects of the world around them and to relate the themes and topics covered to other areas in society.

How much homework will Year 12 students have in this subject?

Expect to do at least a couple of hours homework per teacher outside of your lessons. This will vary and might increase while you are writing coursework. It is a good preparation for university and independent study.

Essay writing skills, including the planning of essays will feature heavily.

Which careers can this subject lead to?

This subject can lead to a very broad range of further study and careers which include Law, Journalism, Linguistics, Business, Education and any areas where skills in communication are key.

English Literature A Level is a highly regarded subject. It is recognised and welcomed by all universities for a vast range of different courses.

Which other subjects complement this subject?

English Literature is a very flexible course. It complements a large number of A Level courses, but English Literature works particularly well with Humanities courses especially History, Sociology, Psychology, Philosophy and Ethics and also Business, Economics and Modern Foreign Languages.

Is this subject a facilitating one?

Although the term is no longer used by the Russell Group Universities themselves, English Literature was seen as a facilitating subject. This means that the subject is recognised as providing students with a rigorous and challenging course.

What GCSE grades do I need?

Due to the demands of this subject, in order to study English Literature, you will need at least a Grade 6 in English Language or English Literature.

This is non-negotiable.