



Gordon's
Sixth Form

English Literature

AS Level and A Level

Why Choose English Literature?

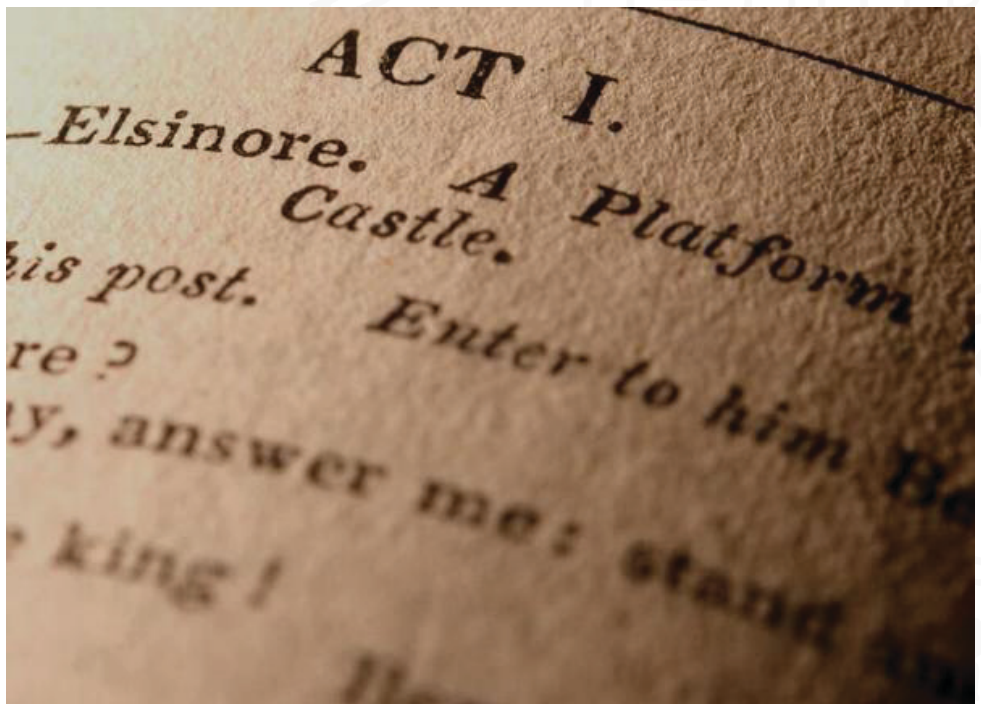
The new English Literature A Level specification encourages students to develop interest in and enjoyment of English Literature, through reading widely, critically and independently, across centuries, genre and gender, and through experience of an extensive range of views about texts and how to read them.

The new specification offers

- Emphasis on the development of the informed, independent reader of literary texts through a course of wide and close reading;
- centrality of the prepared text as the test of the candidate's ability to synthesise the key knowledge, understanding and skills of the course;
- linking, connecting and comparing a range of whole texts and extracts.

This subject makes a great A Level choice

It is particularly suitable for those students who wish to study English Literature or English Studies in higher education or for students wishing to pursue a career in publishing, law, advertising, journalism or teaching. English Literature builds both your analytical and inter-personal skills. It is a rigorous, academic subject and highly respected by universities.



AS Level

Paper 1: Love through the ages (50% of AS)

- Shakespeare and poetry;
- closed book exam: 1 hour 30 minutes;
- WW1 - Manchester Regiment.

*'War brought more glory to their eyes than blood
And gave their laughs more glee than shakes a
child'* Wilfred Owen

Paper 2: Love through the ages (50% of AS)

- Prose;
- open book written exam: 1hr 30 minutes.

A Level

Paper 1: Love through the ages (40% of A-level)

- Written exam: 3 hours;
- closed book except for prose text.

*"If thou must love me
let it be for nought
Except for love's sake only"*
Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Paper 2: Texts in shared contexts (40% of A Level)

- Written exam open book: 2 hours 30 minutes. This exam will include an unseen extract.

Non-exam assessment: Independent critical study of texts across time (20% of A Level)

- One extended essay of two texts at least one of which must have been written pre-1900.

A Level Results 2017-2018

	A*	A	B	C	A*-A	A*-B
No.	4	7	13	8	11	24
%	11.8	20.6	38.2	23.5	32.4	70.6





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