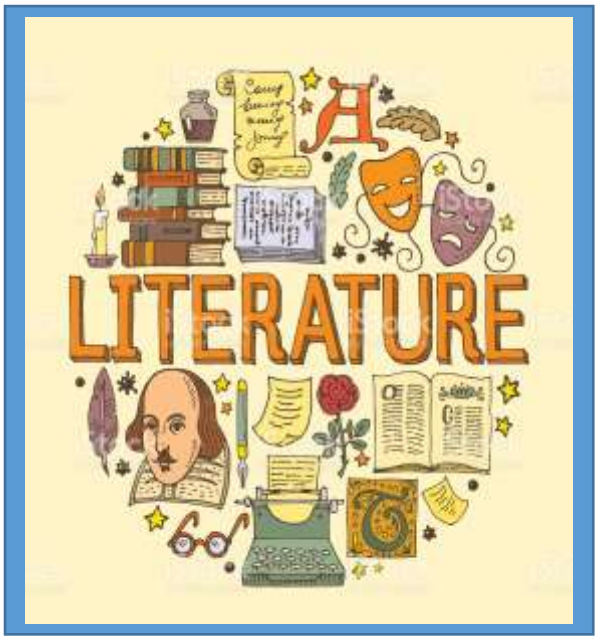
ENFIELD GRAMMAR SIXTH FORM
ENGLISH LITERATURE



This course is for students who have some interest and enjoyment in reading. The reading requirement outside of lessons is not enormous but the two novels for Paper 2 do need to be read independently. Ideally students should also be prepared to engage with a variety of literary texts and ideas and contribute to class activities and discussion. Grade 6 and above at GCSE is desirable but entry on to the course does not depend on it

English Literature A Level is referred to as one of the *facilitating* subjects and is highly regarded by universities. The subject of English Literature is, in itself, not obviously related to established career paths but the skills required – communication and the ability to formulate and present compelling arguments – are close to the skill set for Law and managerial careers.

The course is built around four *components*.

Component 1 Drama – likely texts are *Othello* and *A Streetcar Named Desire*

Component 2 Prose – students study two novels linked by a common theme. (Currently we are doing the theme of *Childhood* in relation to *Hard Times* and *Atonement*.)

Component 3 Poetry – *Poems of the Decade: An Anthology of Poetry 2002-2011* and Chaucer's *The Wife of Bath.*

Component 4 – Course work essay – one essay (2500-3000 words) on two texts – agreed between students and teacher

How will I be assessed and what will I be studying?

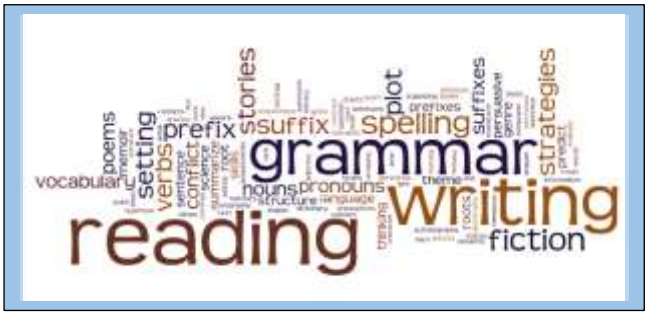
Components 1-3 above are assessed by final exams at the end of Year 13. This will involve short exam answers – one hour essays of three/four sides. Initially students have to acquire the knowledge of the exam texts to enable them to tackle the exam questions; but towards the later stage of studying the different components there will be intensive work on the exam-style essays.

The course work can be re-drafted with the support and supervision of your teacher. Usually the final essay will have gone through three of four drafts. This is worth 20% of the final grade.

Useful websites/further reading

See Edexcel Syllabus 9ETO

See KS5 section of school website (English Department)



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