

English Literature

Faculty 3

Subject information

English Literature is one of the most vibrant and popular subject areas in the college. The subject is one of the suite of English courses, alongside English Language and English Language and Literature.

The English Literature teaching team comprises six full or part time staff, all committed to developing the subject for their students in a forward looking and mutually supportive environment. There are currently 168 students enrolled in the lower sixth and 160 in the upper sixth year.

We achieve impressive results, with 69% A* - B in 2023. All recent evaluations (Ofsted, External Quality Review and Internal Quality Review) have rated the department as Outstanding with 'enthusiastic and lively teaching, which motivated students' being particularly commended. Value added scores are consistently high.

Supporting students individually with their work and understanding is a key feature of the department's approach. Extension activities such as special lectures, trips, literary competitions and many opportunities for creative writing are also highly valued. Workshop provision is extensive and enthusiastically attended by students, who testify to its worth in increasing numbers. All available evidence indicates a high level of student satisfaction in the subject area.

We have a well-developed subject intranet and make use of multiple media on our Google platform. The subject specification is OCR.

Examination results:

2023 A level English Literature

99% pass rate

69% achieved grades A*-B

90% achieved grades A*-C

Points of interest:

Teachers of English Literature are committed to extending the curricular experience of their students. Each year a wide range of trips are organised, among them include a Literature residential trip to Stratford-upon-Avon. Teachers contribute to enrichment activities and workshops including the 'English, etc.' extension group for upper sixth students and ELAT classes for Oxbridge applicants. Classes are shared between two teachers to increase the range of professional experience and skill available to students. All full-time members of staff undertake the role of personal tutor with all part time staff having the opportunity to, if they wish.