

English Literature

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Exam Board: **AQA**



Beckfoot
Sixth Form

This course builds on the study of English Literature at GCSE. It aims to encourage students to develop an interest and enjoyment of English Literature through reading widely, critically and independently, across time and genre.

Subject specific criteria:

- Grade 6 in GCSE English Language or English Literature
- Grade 4 in GCSE Maths

Units studied:

Unit 1: Love through the Ages Exam (40%)

Students study Othello by Shakespeare and make comparisons between Wuthering Heights and an anthology of pre-1900 'Love Poetry through the Ages'.

Unit 2: World War One and its Aftermath Exam (40%)

Students study the First World War play Journey's End by R C Sherriff and make comparisons between Life Class by Pat Barker and an anthology of First World War poetry.

Unit 3: Independent Critical Study: Texts across Time (20%)

Students produce an extended essay comparing how two texts present the same theme. One text must be written pre-1900.

Skills required:

- Analytical and critical thinking skills
- Independent learning
- Communication skills

Futures:

This course is widely accepted by universities as an entrance qualification for those wishing to read English or other related subjects. It also develops higher level analytical skills which are useful in a wide range of University courses and careers.