

# A Level English Literature

## Why study this course at Cronton Sixth Form?

You will be taught by excellent, well qualified teachers who put students at the heart of the curriculum. You will find that your teachers are enthusiastic, approachable and encouraging. Taking English Literature at A Level is a fantastic way to explore a wide range of different texts, and it is essential to take English Literature if you wish to study English Literature at a prestigious University.

On the Literature course you will learn to read texts in a variety of ways and respond critically and creatively. You will study two drama texts- "Othello," and "Dr Faustus".

## What will I study?

You will develop your GCSE skills to a much higher level and become an expert in the study of English Literature. Your powers of literary analysis will be tested and developed! You need to be an avid reader to succeed on this course, and to read outside the classroom as well as studying the set texts.

The minimum number of set texts is eight and will include a Shakespeare play as well as other pre-1900 texts and a post 2000 text. There is of course no limit to the number of texts you may read independently! You will develop the ability to make connections between texts and apply your knowledge of literary analysis and evaluation to a much deeper level than at GCSE.

You will explore relationships between texts in a way which illuminates the significance of cultural and contextual influences on writers and on readers. In

your second year you will undertake an independent task (the coursework unit) which will be worth 20% of your grade and may include a creative element. Other elements will be assessed through examinations at the end of the two year course. You will make links between the various elements of the course during the two years and demonstrate your knowledge and skills throughout.

## How will I be assessed?

Short testing, written homework assignments, timed essays, mock examinations, group work, research tasks, a coursework folder in Year 2 (20%) and formal written exams (80%).

## Entry Requirements

A minimum of 3 x 5's and 2 x 4's at GCSE including a Grade 5 in English Language or a Grade 5 in English Literature, a Grade 5 in Maths and a Grade 5 in another written subject.

## Can I study this course if I have not taken it at GCSE?

There is a requirement that you have studied this at GCSE.

## Opportunities

Students studying English develop and showcase their literary skills by taking part in national competitions such as the Young Writers and Christopher Tower Poetry competitions.

Our links with prestigious universities and prominent figures, such as the Professor of Linguistics at Lancaster University, further enhance student learning.

## Be inspired

Students also benefit from visiting guest speakers; including the Children's Laureate, authors, poets, journalists and a trip to the globe theatre in London.



## The Cronton Experience

At Cronton you can take part in many enrichment activities such as:

- The High Achievers Programme
- Professional Programmes for Tomorrow's Scientists, Lawyers and Teachers
- Centres of Excellence in STEM, Performing Arts and Sport
- Student Leadership Team
- College Sports Teams
- TASS (Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme)
- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- International Trips
- Scholarships



Learn more about the Cronton Experience at:  
[www.cronton.ac.uk/experience](http://www.cronton.ac.uk/experience)

## Enrichment Opportunities

You can take part in any Enrichment programme, but for English-based programmes you can choose, Poetry Writing Competition Club and Creative Writing. There are also various sporting activities on offer. You may also take part in our Professional Programmes and our Prestigious University Programme if you are identified as a High Achiever.

## What can this course lead on to?

Studying A Level English Literature will open a wide range of career opportunities to you. Many employers look for potential employees with an A Level in English, as it shows that you have good communication skills.

At degree level, you can choose to study English Literature or a whole range of courses which combine English Literature with other subjects. Our students progress to a wide variety of careers, including journalism, teaching and the law.

## Any additional costs?

There are no costs directly associated with the course although your teacher will recommend reading textbooks, which you may wish to purchase yourself. If you go on any trips, there will be ticket and transport costs associated with these.

## What have previous students said about this subject?

“I always loved English Literature while I was at school, I would advise anyone studying English at Cronton to take part in the Creative Writing enrichment.”

## Meet the Students

Name:  
**Ben Cooper**

Previously from:  
**Saints Peter and Paul Catholic High School**

Destination:  
**University of Oxford to study English Literature and Language**

A Level Results:  
**English Literature A\*  
History A  
Drama & Theatre A  
Extended Project A\***

