



COOMBE
WOOD
SCHOOL

CWS SIXTH FORM COURSE BOOKLET INFORMATION

SUBJECT: English Literature

EXAM BOARD: Edexcel

COURSE OUTLINE:

English Literature A-level is a rich and highly-regarded subject, which nurtures a love of literature and the ability to argue and critically evaluate texts. Students will develop their skills of interpretation and analysis and become effective, authoritative communicators. Throughout the A-level, students explore a wide range of powerful, thought-provoking texts and will be exposed to the perspectives of different historical, cultural and social contexts. Students will study Shakespeare, a contemporary tragic drama, prose and poetry and will be able to further develop their own personal literary interests in the NEA element of the course. English Literature is highly respected by universities and employers alike and will support students' progression to a range of courses and careers.

EXAMINATION CRITERIA

80% External Examination

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Students will study one Shakespeare play and critical essays related to the chosen Shakespeare play.

Students will study one other drama.

Component 2: Prose (20%, 1 hour and 15 minutes)

Students will study two prose texts from a chosen theme. One of the prose texts will be pre-1900.

Component 3: Poetry (30%, 2 hours and 15 minutes)

Students will study a selection of post-2000 poems.

Students will also study a selection of poems from a chosen literary period.

20% Non-Examination Assessment

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Social Media Manager

Human Resources

Marketing

Education

Performing Arts

Copywriter

Journalist

Film/TV production

Publishing

Librarian