



# English

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ENGLISH LITERATURE

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## Exam Structure

The course consists of two examinations. Component 1 is 1 hour 45 minutes. Component 2 is 2 hours and 30 minutes.

## What will I study in GCSE English Literature?

In preparation for Component 1, students will study William Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' and Willy Russell's 'Blood Brothers'. For Component 2, students will study 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. In addition to this, students will also study 15 poems from the edexcel poetry anthology and be asked to compare two unseen poems.

## What skills can I gain from studying English Literature?

Studying English Literature helps to sharpen your analytical skills. If you can take a text and find the themes plus connect it with other texts, theories and historical events, you are showing that you can handle complex ideas, search for patterns

and interpret information in a wider context.

You will also develop your planning and research skills as well as gain knowledge of history, culture, philosophy and even human behaviour.

## What career paths would English Literature be suitable for?

English is good for any job that involves communication, writing and or literary knowledge.

These include: advertising and marketing, writing and journalism, law, consultancy, business, teaching, performing arts, academia, government, linguistics, foreign languages, media and design. You could even be a freelance writer, which we think is one of the world's best jobs!

Careers in the sciences, engineering, technology and maths also need more English than you think. Writing proposals, academic papers & articles and communicating with

others is key to getting funding for projects and reaching people with your work.

## Subject Combination

In a nutshell, English goes with everything. It's especially helpful with essay subjects like history or politics and goes well with social science subjects that look at human behaviour, such as psychology or sociology.



## Website

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