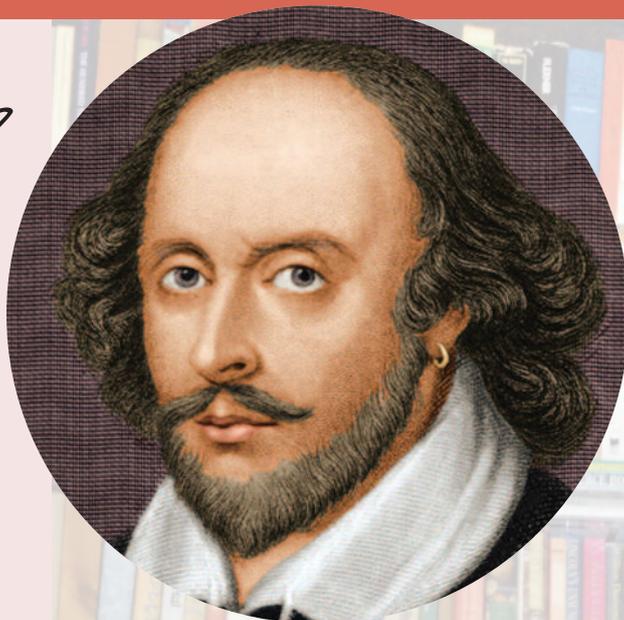


IGCSE English Literature

Why study English Literature?

All students at Redmaids' High study IGCSE English Literature: it is a vibrant, engaging and challenging experience. We believe passionately in encouraging you to enjoy reading literature in different forms and from different periods and cultures. This subject combines the study of a living language with an irreplaceably important literary tradition. It is about judgement, creativity, originality of thought and sensitivity to the evolution of culture and society. Literature plays a crucial role in enabling imaginative and intellectual growth and establishing understanding of so many areas of human concern.



What will I study?

You will study a range of texts from the three genres of poetry, prose and drama. Texts may include Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*, a play by Shakespeare and an anthology of contrasting poetry. Lessons will be varied, and involve class discussion, small group work and individual study, with plenty of opportunity to share your views. You will explore how writers construct texts and use language to create different effects. You will be taught to respond to unseen passages as well as those from your set texts, and you will learn to present ideas in essay form, both as coursework and under timed conditions.

How will English Literature benefit me?

By the end of this course, you will be:

- A more perceptive and sensitive reader, able to appreciate different ways in which writers achieve their effects
- A more assured and coherent writer, able to articulate fluent and original ideas
- A more confident and probing speaker, able to communicate an informed personal response appropriately and effectively.

ASSESSMENT

Coursework (40%):

A portfolio of two assignments, both about 800 words, one on modern drama, one on a literary heritage text.

Examination (60%)

Poetry and Modern Prose
(2 hours)

One question on
an unseen poem

One question on the
studied poetry anthology

One question on
modern prose

