

## English Literature A Level

### Exploration for Year 11 students moving into Year 12 at Poole Grammar

**English Literature A Level** is an exciting and challenging course that develops your GCSE knowledge and skills through a close study of plays, novels and poetry that span the centuries, from the 14<sup>th</sup> century poetry of Chaucer, via Shakespearean tragedy, to current authors such as Margaret Atwood. We take a Science and Society perspective on the novels studied, beginning with Mary Shelley.

<b>The A Level course:</b>	You will learn to analyse a wide range of texts in greater depth whilst exploring a variety of critical perspectives that will lead you towards the standard of a first year university student.
<b>Drama:</b> A Shakespeare tragedy and Williams, A <i>Streetcar Named Desire</i>	<b>Shakespeare options:</b> <i>King Lear, Hamlet, Othello</i> can be watched via the National Theatre Online Library: <a href="https://www.dramaonlinelibrary.com/pages/the-national-theatre-collection">https://www.dramaonlinelibrary.com/pages/the-national-theatre-collection</a> <b>Access details: Username: 3Lx#7Uu! Password: 4Cp'8Da+</b>  Use this link to watch key tragedies, and <b>consider which you would prefer to study.</b> And you can watch Gillian Anderson in <i>Streetcar</i> .
<b>Prose texts:</b> <i>Frankenstein</i>  <i>The Handmaid's Tale</i>	Research Margaret Atwood via her author page: <a href="http://margaretatwood.ca/">http://margaretatwood.ca/</a> Other academic material available on <b>Academia</b> <a href="http://www.academia.edu">www.academia.edu</a>  A recent light-hearted story: <a href="https://granta.com/martians-claim-canada/">https://granta.com/martians-claim-canada/</a> <a href="http://www.openculture.com/2020/07/29-free-short-stories-from-some-of-todays-most-acclaimed-writers.html">www.openculture.com/2020/07/29-free-short-stories-from-some-of-todays-most-acclaimed-writers.html</a> <a href="https://archive.nytimes.com/www.nytimes.com/books/00/03/26/specials/mccarthy-atwood.html">https://archive.nytimes.com/www.nytimes.com/books/00/03/26/specials/mccarthy-atwood.html</a>  Research Mary Shelley and her background: <a href="https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/blog/mary-wollstonecraft-and-mary-shelley-extraordinary-mother-and-daughter/">Mary Wollstonecraft and Mary Shelley: extraordinary mother and daughter - The National Archives blog</a> Read about the novel's origins and later interpretation <a href="https://www.nytimes.com/2015/03/26/books/review/the-strange-and-twisted-life-of-frankenstein.html">The Strange and Twisted Life of "Frankenstein"   The New Yorker</a>