

English Literature - A Level (OCR)

English Literature is a great course for anyone who enjoys reading books and discussing their ideas. Immerse yourself in poetry, prose and drama, making meaning from the worlds created by writers past and present.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will study and share ideas with your classmates about a wide variety of texts. The extensive reading you will undertake on this course includes poetry, prose and drama from different periods, including at least one play by Shakespeare, pre-1900 poetry and drama, and contemporary literature. This breadth of study will enable you to consider the ways in which texts relate to one another and to literary traditions, movements and genres.

WHAT WILL I NEED?

You will need:

- Grade 5 or above, and at least one grade 6 or above, in GCSE English Language plus one other written subject, such as History, Geography, Humanities, English Literature, Business, Media Studies, Religious Studies, Drama and Film Studies
- Three further GCSEs at grade 4 or above

If you wish to study 4 A Levels, you will need 7 GCSEs at grade 7 or above, including two at grade 8.

All applicants must have an interview to confirm that A Levels are suitable for them.

When applying for an A Level programme at City and Islington, please refer to the general entry requirements on our [A Level Courses](#) page as well as the subject-specific details listed above.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Assessment is by exam (80%) and coursework (20%). Assessment in both the exams and coursework is a combination of close reading and analytical essay tasks.

WHAT WILL IT COST?

AGED 16-18

Start Date: 1 September 2025

Duration: 2 Years

Attendance: Full Time

Center: Angel Sixth Form College

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If you will be aged 16, 17 or 18 on 31st August prior to the start date of your course and you have the legal right to remain in the UK for the duration of your programme then your study with us will be free. Please see [here](#) for the documents you will need to show us.

Some courses will have other associated costs, such as for specialist materials and trips. Many of our students are eligible for financial support, see [here](#) for details.

WHAT CAN I DO AFTER?

A Levels are widely regarded as the standard entry qualification for top universities in the UK, and the rest of the world. Many of our students go onto study for a degree at the university of their choice, with some choosing to progress into apprenticeships or other employment.

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