



Woolwich Polytechnic  
Sixth Form

# English Literature A Level

Through the texts we have read I have not only learned more about literature, but more about myself and the world we live in.

Year 13 student

## Why English Literature?

Literature offers you the chance to study texts in a more mature and thoughtful way. It may seem familiar in that it builds on your strengths and interests at GCSE but it develops these further, exploring the way we read texts through different contexts and perspectives. It is for those students who like to be challenged and enjoy both discussion and reading.

## How will I learn?

- Exploration of all set texts
- Lectures and online seminars
- Exploration of Critical theory
- Contextual exploration
- Group readings and analysis
- Timed essays
- Presentations
- Wider reading

## Which awarding body is the course validated by?

Edexcel

## What qualification will I receive?

A-Level qualification English Literature

## Entry Requirements

GCSE English Language and English Literature Grades 6/6

## Course Content:

**Paper 1: Drama (Tragedy).** 30% 2hrs 15 minutes  
Shakespeare's Othello, including the Critical Anthology.  
Tennessee Williams' A Streetcar Named Desire

**Paper 2: Prose (Science and Society) 20% 1 hour 15 mins**

Mary Shelley's Frankenstein and Margaret Atwood's The Handmaid's Tale.

**Paper 3: Poetry 30 % 2 hrs 15 mins**

Unseen poetry and a contemporary anthology - Poems of the Decade

Christina Rossetti

**Coursework: 20%** of your awarded mark, comprising of a comparison between two texts of your choice from a shortlist.

## What can I do with this qualification?

This is a highly respected A Level which facilitates applications to the most prestigious companies and Russell Group University courses. It can lead to degrees in: Law, English, Media, History, Drama, Teaching, Journalism and top-flight businesses.

