

Why study A Level ENGLISH LITERATURE at Tarporley Sixth Form?



- Mrs Eaton
- MA Education and BA (Hons) English Language and Literature
- Studied at The University of Manchester
- Favourite poets include Philip Larkin and William Blake



- Mr Gildea,
- BA (Hons) English Literature & Media TASC Leeds.
- Favourite writers: Charles Dickens, Shakespeare, Sylvia Plath, Phillip Larkin, Emily Bronte.



- Mrs. Bryan
- BA (Hons) in Literature, French & Linguistics from UCLAN.
- Favourite writers: Shakespeare, Blake and Simon Armitage.



“What do you read, my lord? Words, words, words.” *Hamlet*

Why we love teaching A Level: There's no better job than having the opportunity to read, share and debate canonical texts whilst thinking critically about the potential arguments that open up. From Shakespeare to Miller, Blake to Hosseini – the opportunity to debate what makes a text tragic, political or alternative is what awaits.

We go on as many Theatre trips as we can to bring our texts to life and experience live performances; we encourage students to take part in Chester's Literature Festival and go to university-style lecture days in Manchester.

Where could Literature take me?

Our students went on to read:

- **Laura: English Literature at Newcastle University**
- **Issy: Law at Cambridge University**
- **Kaci: English Literature at University of Sheffield**
- **Theo: American & Canadian Studies at Nottingham University**
- **Anna: Law at Cambridge University**
- **Charlotte: English Literature at the University of Leeds**
- **Emily: Law at the University of Liverpool**
- **Abi: English Literature at Loughborough University**

"I really enjoyed Lit at GCSE because I love reading. I like the fact that, at A Level, we are free to interpret texts according to our personal thoughts & opinions"

Ella – Year 12 Student

"There is nowhere that literature cannot take you. A poem can tell you about a whole life in one line, while a novel can capture one moment in one thousand pages. Literature has helped me find creative ways out of my challenges, taught me to look outside the normal and into the extraordinary. Literature always has one story that seems like it was written just for you"

David – Year 13 Student

"Taking English Literature at A-Level has allowed me to develop my passion for the subject, whilst enhancing a true understanding of literature at a deeper level than GCSE. I am hoping to study literature in the future at university, as I am fascinated with its ability to capture raw emotion and matters that are present throughout time and contemporary society."

Emily – Year 13 Student

**Real world skills:
critical thinking skills; the ability to infer and interpret; the art of debate & rhetoric;
the ability to summarise & synthesise a lot of information; evaluative skills**

What books could I be studying?

