A Level English Literature

At Tallis our English Literature curriculum covers some of the greatest texts of the Canon as well as more modern and contemporary writers. You will read Shakespeare; Rossetti; Toni Morrison; Jez Butterworth; Ibsen; Plath and many more. Your coursework component will also allow you to choose which writers you study. We give all equal attention and focus.

The Course Overview

The exam board is **OCR**. The English Literature course is split into 3 sections:

Paper 1	Paper 2	NEA - Coursework
Shakespeare A: Passage Analysis B: Critical Perspectives	The Gothic Unseen Gothic Beloved and Dracula	A: Close Analysis: Poetry (student choice) – 1000 words approx.
A Doll's House and Christian Rossetti Comparison	Comparison	B: Jerusalem – Jez Butterworth compared with a novel (student choice)

Why Study English Literature at Tallis?

You will be taught by an experienced and enthusiastic team of English teachers who are passionate about bringing Literature to life in the classroom.

We also offer a KS5 book club if you want to read further. We have great links with universities in the local area – and we run a specific optional course for students preparing to make an application to study English at university. If you're thinking of studying English Lit at Oxbridge, we have a bespoke course helping you prepare for their entrance exam. We run regular trips to the theatre in order to experience drama as it was intended, as well as the legendary annual residential to Yorkshire to complement the study of Gothic texts. Students love seeking the ghosts of Cathy and Heathcliff upon the Wuthering Heights as well as following the trail of Count Dracula up the 199 Whitby steps of which the Irish author Bram Stoker so famously wrote.

English Literature is one of the most highly regarded and prestigious degree options. It will enable you to develop analytical, critical, and evaluative skills which will equip you for further study and beyond.

Student Voice:

I really enjoy English A Level as we are allowed to discuss and debate freely.

A Level English has been incredibly rewarding and exciting to study. It has inspired me to study English at University.

I really appreciated the freedom we were given with our coursework.

Our classroom is a place to learn, share and develop opinions.