RUNSHAW COLLEGE

A Level 2027/2028

English Literature

99% Pass Rate

66% A*-B Grades

Enjoy novels, poetry and plays

Develop analytical & debating skills

Visiting speakers and other extras



A Level **English Literature**

Welcome to English Literature at Runshaw College! On this course, you'll get the opportunity to study a range of modern and classic texts, reading novels, poems and plays as you explore the works of the very best writers in our culture. The course is assessed by three 2-hour exams at the end of the second year, plus a non-examined assessment (coursework). The course combines in-depth class discussion with individual analytical essay writing, and you'll develop core skills that could take you into almost any future career.

In the first year, students will study two main exam texts: *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare and the *Selected Poems* of William Blake. You will also read and study two novels for the non-exam assessment: *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Brontë, plus one other which you choose from a shortlist.

In the second year, students will recap Year One alongside focusing on the remaining exam texts. You'll compare *Dr Faustus* by Christopher Marlowe with a modern play, *Enron* by Lucy Prebble, and study the *Selected Poems* of the late twentieth-century writers Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes.

Across both years, students will also regularly study and discuss individual poems and prose extracts from a variety of writers and genres throughout the ages in preparation for writing about unseen texts in the exam.

The emphasis in all our English lessons at Runshaw is very much on collaborative and co-operative learning, with most lessons involving exploration through class discussion and reflection through analytical writing. Our teachers are all passionate and knowledgeable about literature and will enthusiastically guide you through the course.

In addition to timetabled lessons, we offer a range of enrichment activities, including an award-winning college magazine (*The Insider*), theatre and residential trips to London and, at college, weekly High Grades classes to challenge and support students.

If you love reading, and you want a challenging, enriching, rewarding two-year guide to the works of our culture's greatest literary minds, then English Literature at Runshaw is for you!

Entry Requirements:
Minimum requirement 4x Grade 5 and 1x Grade 6. This must consist of 3x Grade 5s, plus either a 5 in Language and a 6 in Literature or a 5 in Literature and a 6 in Language.

What's great about this course?

1. Explore literature in its wider contexts
2. Literature loving lecturers
3. Wider reading in High Grades Groups

For more information about our courses, visit **runshaw.ac.uk**
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