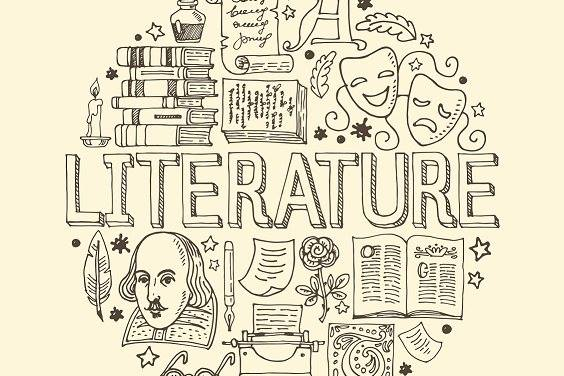
**A Level English Literature**

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**Why choose English Literature at A Level?**

English Literature is a varied, rewarding subject at A Level. We cover a range of poems, plays and novels spanning the 16th to 21st centuries, so no two terms are ever the same! Literature students will get the opportunity to read, research, discuss and analyse texts in the classroom and independently.

At CCSW, Literature students often undertake study programmes involving other humanities or arts subjects, progress to further study at university and then on to careers in fields as diverse as education, the media and the law.

**Course content**

**Year 1**

**September - December**

* Introduction to English Literature at A Level – developing key skills for success
* *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald & *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy

**January – March**

* Introduction to drama in the Elizabethan era
* *Doctor Faustus* by Christopher Marlowe
* Prose Study coursework planning and drafting

**April – June**

* Introduction to poetry analysis
* *Selected Poems* by Sylvia Plath & *Poems Selected by Simon Armitage* by Ted Hughes.
* Preparation for second year content
* Submission of Prose Study coursework component

**Course information**

Exam board: Eduqas

Subject name: English Literature A Level

Course code: A720QS A Level

Assessment: 3x 2hr exams (Poetry, Drama, Unseen Texts) & 1x Prose study coursework essay (2500-3500 words) undertaken in second year of study.

**1st Year reading list (in order of study)**

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|  | *The Great Gatsby*  F. Scott Fitzgerald  ISBN: 9781853260414  (Wordsworth Classic preferable for page no. consistency) |
|  | *The Road*  Cormac McCarthy  ISBN: 9780330468466  (Picador preferable for page no. consistency) |
|  | *Doctor Faustus*  Christopher Marlowe  ISBN: 9780582254091  (MUST be the Longman Text B – specified by the exam board) |
|  | *Poems selected by Simon Armitage*  Ted Hughes  ISBN: 97780571222957  (Faber) |
|  | *Selected Poems*  Sylvia Plath  ISBN: 9780571135868  (Faber) |

**English Literature Welcome Day – Summer bridging task**

**Ahead of the start of your course in September, you should have read the whole of *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald.**

**As you read the novel, answer the following questions. Bring this bridging task back with you to the first lesson of the year.**

1. In which US city is the majority of *The Great Gatsby* set?
2. Who is Nick Carraway?
3. What links Nick with Daisy and Tom Buchanan?
4. What sport does Jordan Baker play?
5. What sort of business does George Wilson run?
6. Which breed of dog does Myrtle Wilson believe she has bought?
7. What sort of an artist is Mr McKee?
8. Why does Myrtle believe Tom can’t divorce Daisy?
9. How many crates of fruit does Gatsby buy for his parties?
10. What colour is Gatsby’s car?
11. Which country does Gatsby claim gave him a medal ‘For Valor Extraordinary’?
12. What sporting event did Meyer Wolfsheim ‘fix’ in 1919?
13. How much were the pearls Tom gave Daisy worth?
14. What item of Gatsby’s clothing does Daisy cry over?
15. What is Gatsby’s real name?
16. What is the name of the alcoholic millionaire who takes Gatsby round the world on his boat?
17. Why does Gatsby fire his servants?
18. Which hotel do Gatsby, Nick, Daisy, Tom and Jordan go to in chapter 7?
19. How does Myrtle Wilson die?
20. Which of Gatsby’s party guests is the only person to attend his funeral?