

St Patrick's Academy

GCSE Subject Choice

Subject Information for students:

Subject: English Literature

What the subject is about:

English Literature is a compulsory subject which provides you with the opportunity to build on the knowledge and skills that you have already attained in exploring texts, responding critically to these texts and relating the particular prose, poetry and drama to the appropriate social, cultural and historical background. You will make comparisons between texts and you will use ICT to research and present information on authors and their works.

Course content and assessment schedule:

Paper	Duration	% of total	Content
1	2 ½ Hours	70%	3 Questions based on following Genre; Drama published after 1914 Prose published after 1914 Poetry published before 1914
Internally Assessed Component		30%	Assignment A: Response to poetry Assignment B: Response to a Shakespeare play Assignment C: Response to Prose published before 1914

Attributes needed to succeed in the course

If you have the ability to read, understand and respond to a range of literary texts then English literature at GCSE will help to develop your skills in this area. A study of literature will improve your appreciation of the ways in which authors achieve their effects, and it will develop the skills necessary for the study of essay-based A level subjects in general, and of A level English Literature in particular.