

English Literature A Level



Exam Board: AQA

Why A Level English Literature?

English Literature has enabled mankind to express itself and in return, we are able to question and affirm our own values and beliefs through the power of literature. By exploring a range of texts, we are able to enhance our experiences of different cultures, philosophies and eras.

Thinking and Life Skills you will develop:

- Independent thinking
- Planning and researching written work
- Articulating knowledge and understanding of texts, concepts and theories
- Leading and participating in discussions
- Negotiation and team working to present ideas and information
- Effectively conveying arguments and opinions and thinking creatively
- Using your judgement to weigh up alternative perspectives
- Critical reasoning and analysis.

What will you study?

A level English Literature provides a deepening insight into the social and historical contexts which influence writers. The exploration of literature enhances critical thinking and analysis, developing excellent communication skills. In the study of English Literature, classical and modern texts come alive and have relevance to our ever-changing world.

University degrees that require or often prefer English include:

English Literature, English Language and Linguistics, History, Media Studies, Drama, Modern Foreign Languages, European Studies and American Studies.

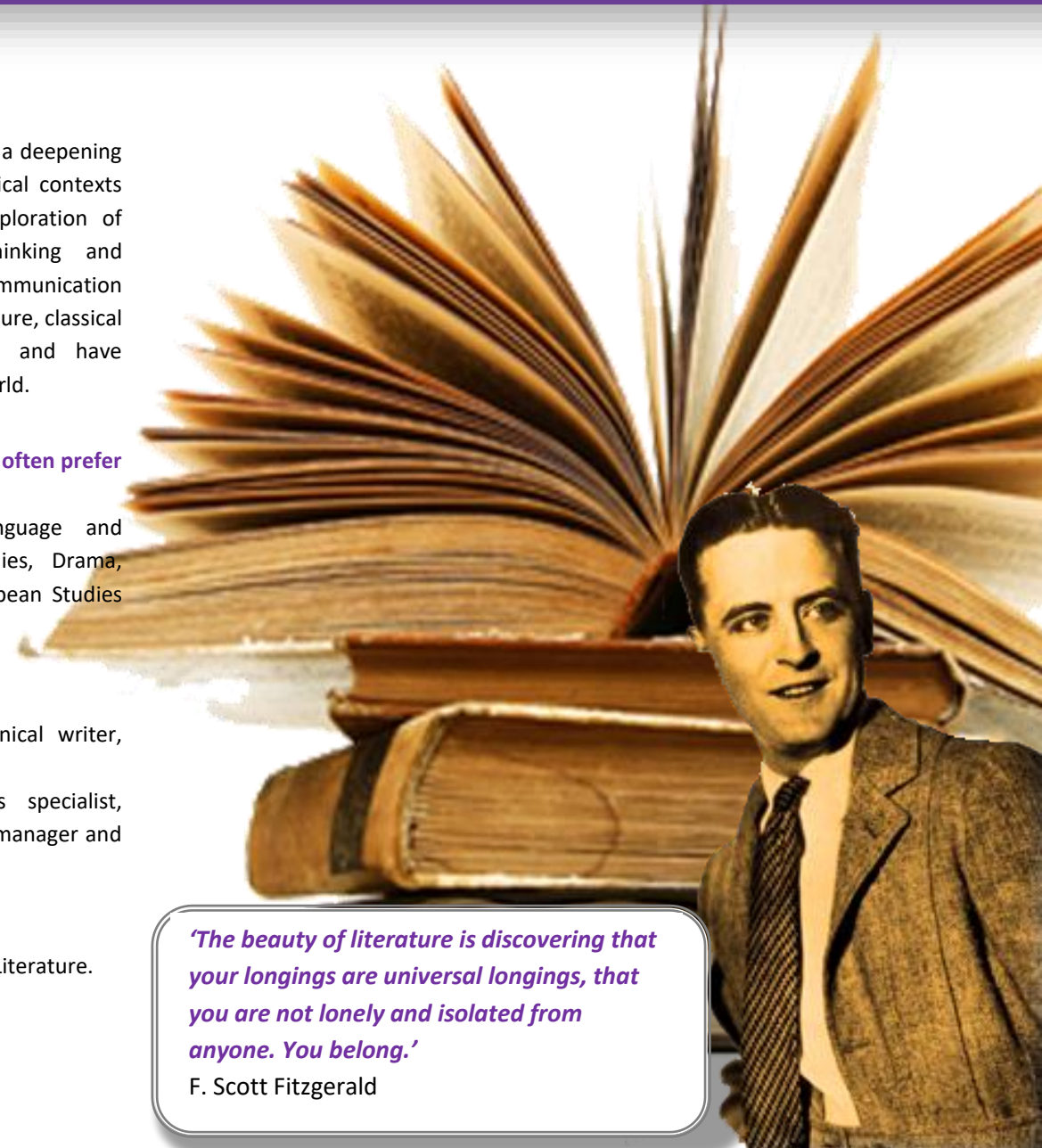
Possible careers:

Directly related: Journalist, technical writer, editor, author and lecturer

Further afield: Public relations specialist, lawyer, sales, stockbroker, brand manager and advertising.

Entry requirements:

Minimum grade 6 in GCSE English Literature.



'The beauty of literature is discovering that your longings are universal longings, that you are not lonely and isolated from anyone. You belong.'

F. Scott Fitzgerald