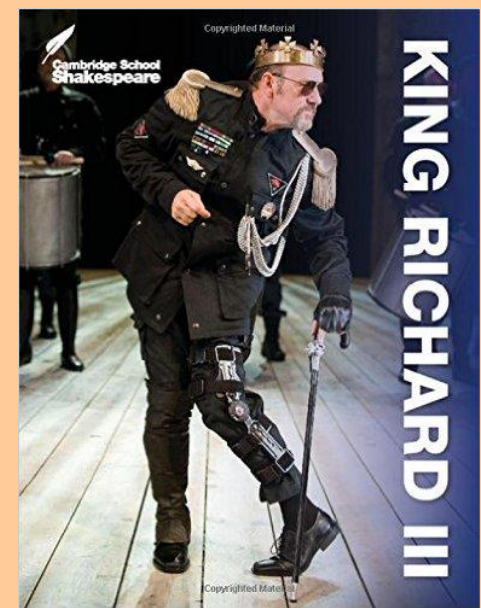
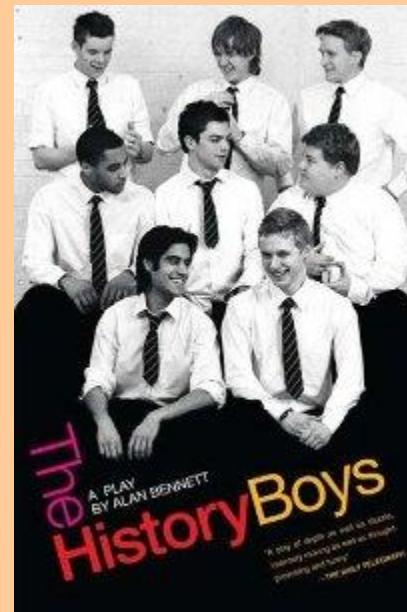
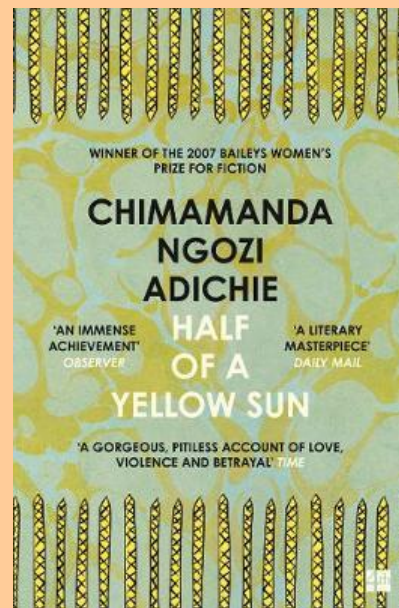




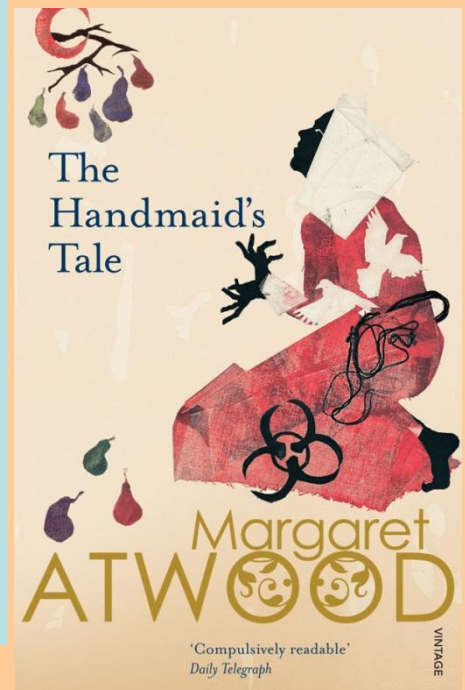
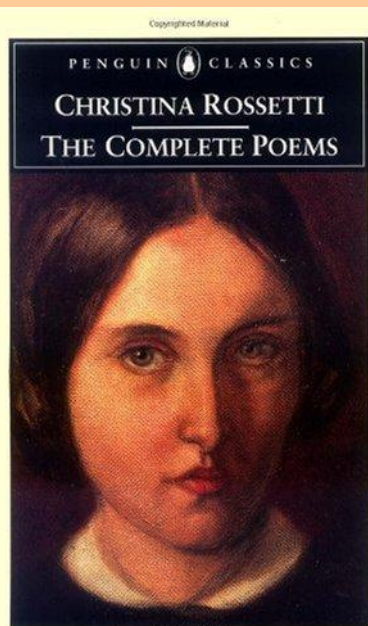
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Average grade: B

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What's the difference between Language and Literature?

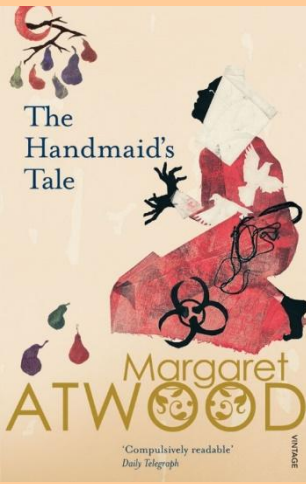
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Study novels, plays and poems in detail.

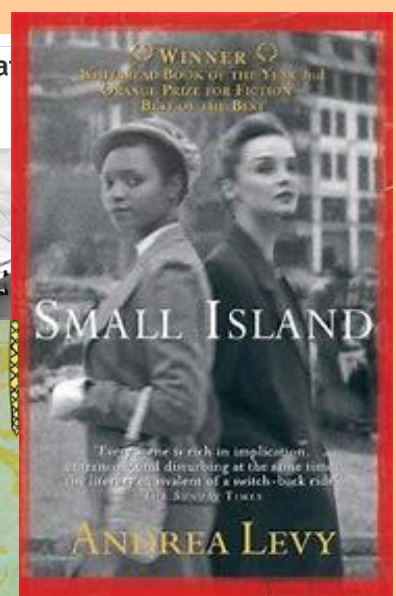
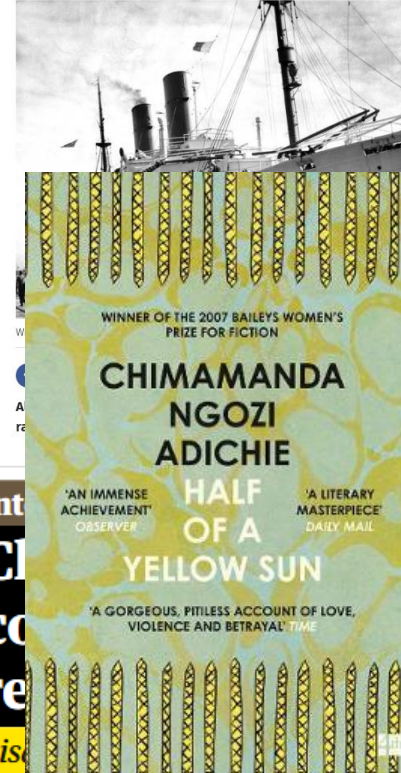
Study the way in which writers use language in texts from the 'real world', both WRITTEN and SPOKEN.





Home Office staff to have migraines over Windrush scandal

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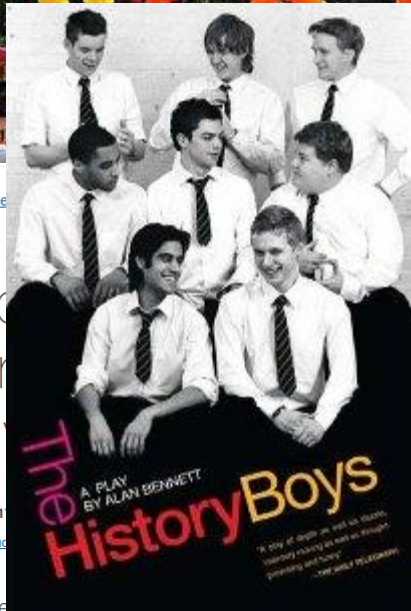
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DISEASE CONTROL

On Coronavirus, Beware the Totalitarian Temptation

JOSEF JOFFE

The coronavirus pandemic has revived an old notion: that autocracies can perform better in devastating times than democracies. Not so—the cure is worse than the catastrophe.



How will the texts be studied?

Students must demonstrate understanding of:

- *‘The ways in which writers shape meaning in their texts’*
- *‘The ways in which texts are interpreted by different readers’*
- *‘The ways in which texts relate to one another and to the contexts in which they are written’*

What this means

Lots of links to historical context



Looking at current issues in the Media

Amazon reportedly employs thousands of people to listen to your Alexa conversations

By Jordan Valinsky, [CNN Business](#)

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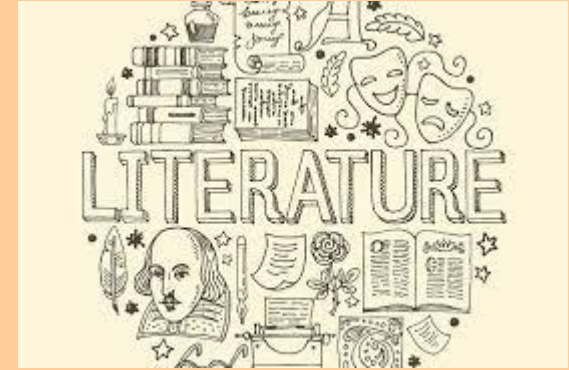
Watching different performances of texts



Looking at literary theories and thinking about what interests you (you choose your own texts for coursework!)

What will you be expected to do?

Essay-writing is an important part of this course; in the exam period you will be required to write 4 essays.



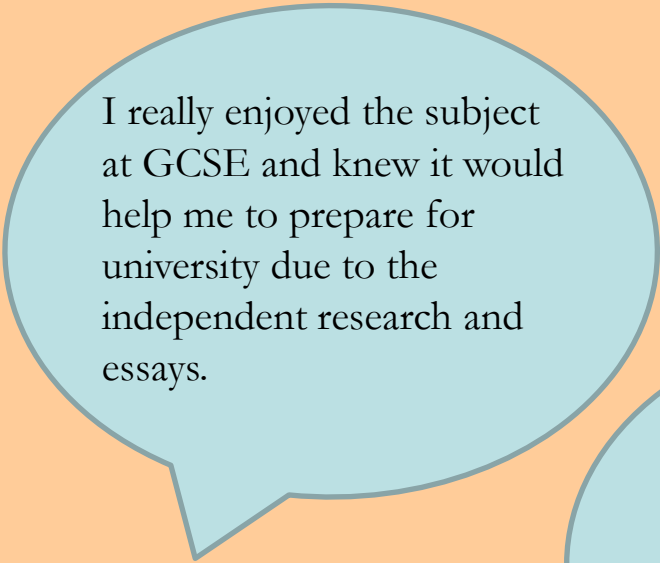
Discussion and group work are important as students need to develop their own ideas.

Independent work, such as reading other works; doing some research on the texts

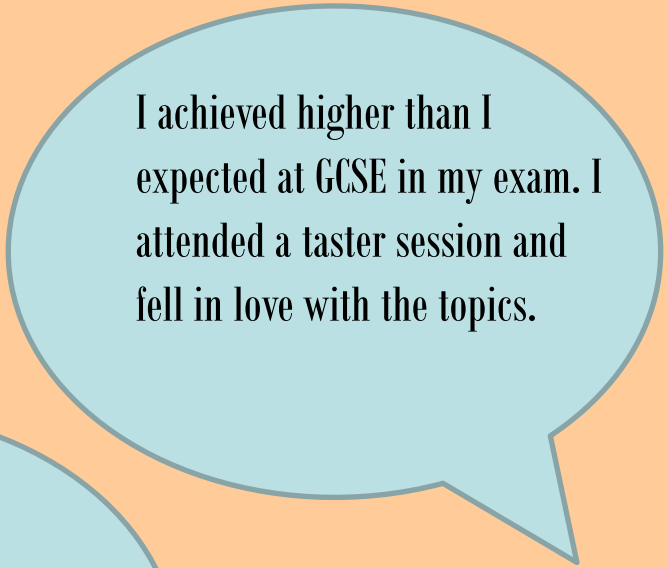
Students can also take part in the extra curricular activities available in the department – there is also a social side!

What do our current students think about English Literature?

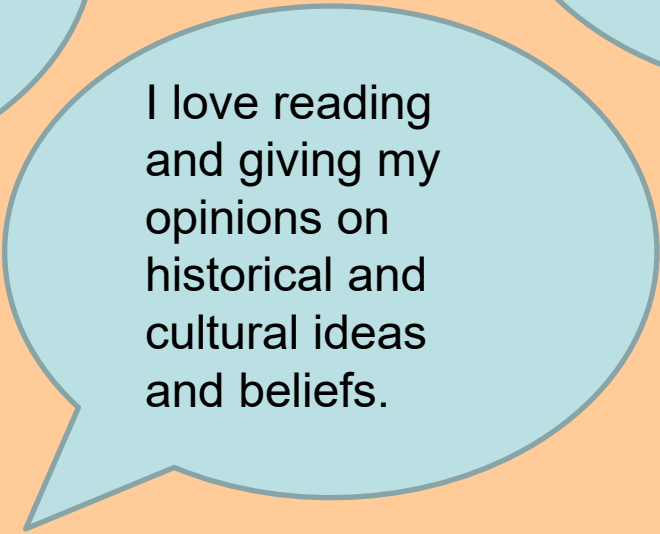
I chose English Literature because....

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I really enjoyed the subject at GCSE and knew it would help me to prepare for university due to the independent research and essays.

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I achieved higher than I expected at GCSE in my exam. I attended a taster session and fell in love with the topics.

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I love reading and giving my opinions on historical and cultural ideas and beliefs.

What do our current students think about English Literature?

What I like about English Literature....

The teachers are incredibly supportive during my studies. They're encouraging and motivate me to achieve to the best of my abilities.

It is interesting to study lots of different types of texts and I like the coursework aspects that I didn't expect. The teachers are very passionate about their subject.

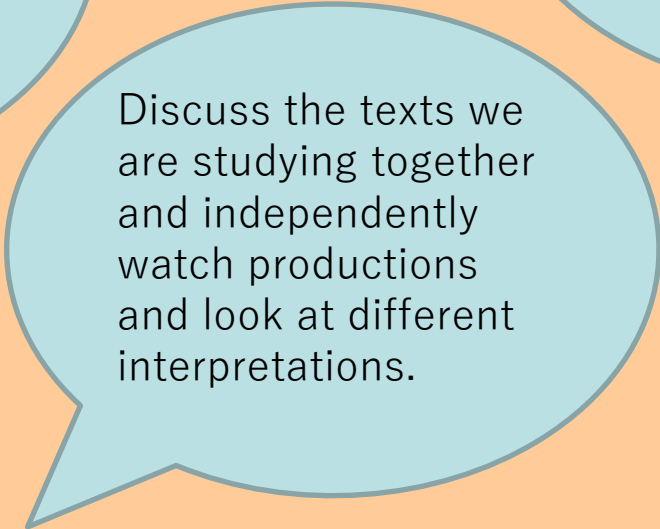
The lessons are extremely discussion based, other members of the class add their ideas. We also look at context and the historical backgrounds of texts.

What do our current students think about English Literature?

In lessons we....



Have open discussion and debate different issues relating to the texts.



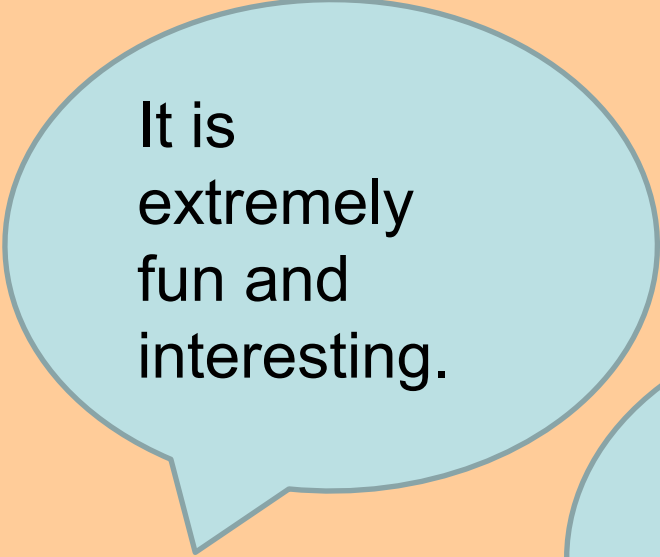
Discuss the texts we are studying together and independently watch productions and look at different interpretations.



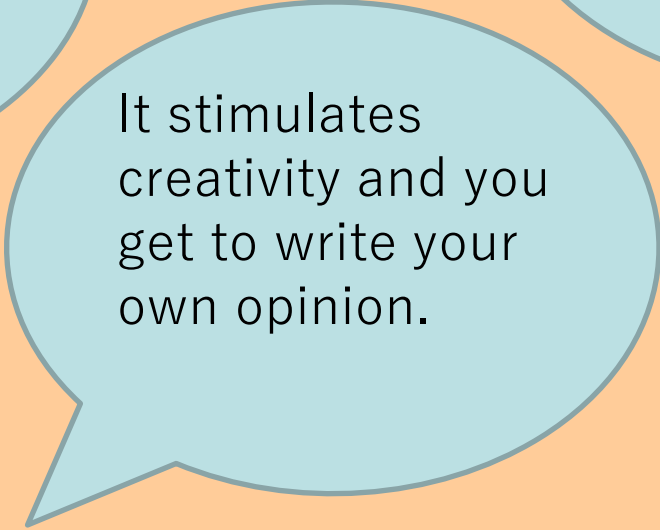
Discuss our opinions, go on trips and read a range of texts.

What do our current students think about English Literature?

I would recommend English Literature because....



It is
extremely
fun and
interesting.



It stimulates
creativity and you
get to write your
own opinion.



The support is
incredible and the
topics are
fascinating.

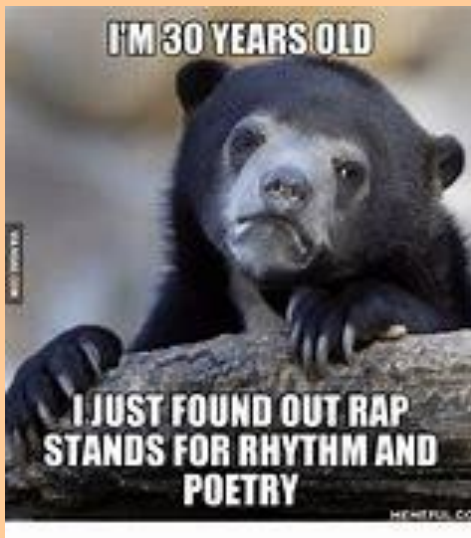
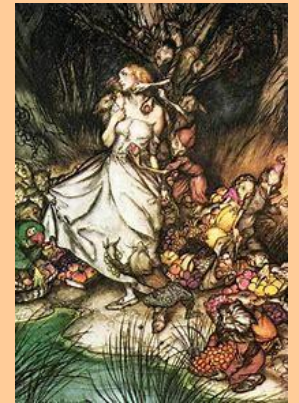
Study a Range of Texts

Shakespeare and Webster 1600s



Dystopian from 1960s until modern day

Poetry- Victorian Pre-Raphaelite poetry

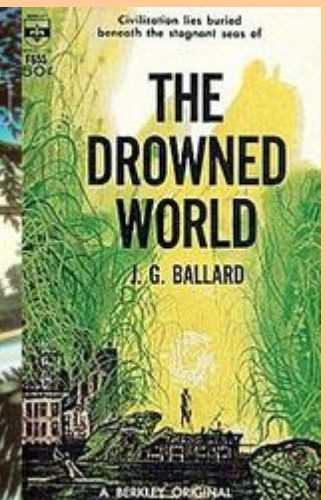
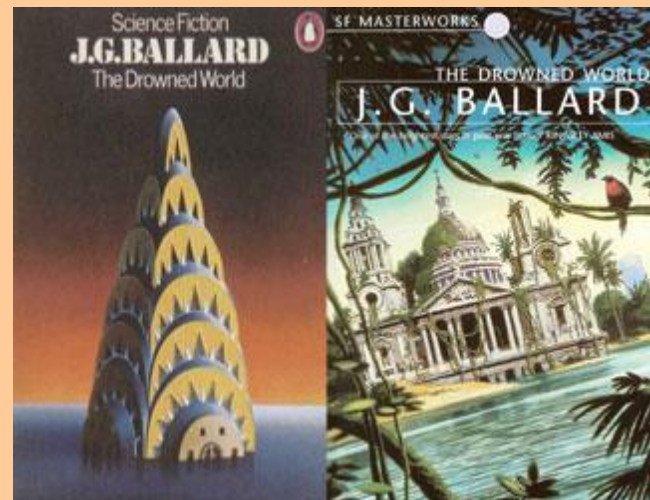
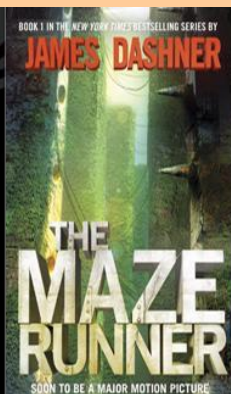
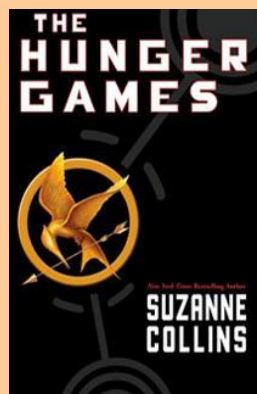
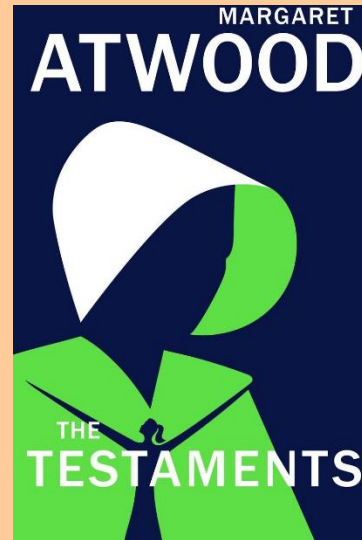
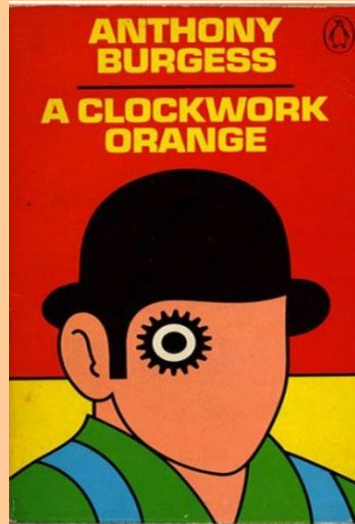


through to Duffy's modern day poems

Is it just English writers?



Wider reading – The synoptic unit DYSTOPIAN



Want to know more about the
texts and genres then watch
these links

- **Pre-Raphaelites**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xB52NrN2xFY&safe=active>

- Dystopia

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6a6kbU88wu0&safe=active>

- Duchess of Malfi

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BHVNQZXgEhE&safe=active>

- History boys

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OqzTnVjnEQ8&safe=active>

Small Island

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gaciz-zb98Y&safe=active>

Half a Yellow Sun

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2018/apr/28/chimamanda-a-ngozi-adichie-feminism-racism-sexism-gender-metoo>

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All these famous people did an English degree which lead to a range of successful careers...



Zadie Smith
Writer

Studied English at: King's College, Cambridge

The eldest of three children, born in north London to a Jamaican mother and an English father, Smith was the first person in her family to go to university. She began writing her acclaimed first novel, *White Teeth*, while studying and it was published in 2000. She has written four further novels to date, as well as collections of essays and short stories. Of her time at university she says: "My degree was the basis of everything else. I read more books in those three years than I ever read before - more than I've read since. To give a kid like me an education like that, *for free*, was something England used to do. Thanks to a series of venal, short-term political decisions, I was one of the last generation of students to experience it. It's a crime."

Biggest hit *White Teeth* has been translated into more than 20 languages, won multiple awards and sold over a million copies.

All these famous people did an English degree which lead to a range of successful careers...



Tulip Siddiq
Politician
University College London

Siddiq hails from a Bangladeshi political dynasty; her aunt, Sheikh Hasina, is the country's prime minister. She was raised in London, her mother having claimed asylum as a teenager. After graduation she worked for Amnesty International, the Greater London Authority, Save the Children, and in political consulting. She has been Labour MP for Hampstead and Kilburn since 2015. Of her English literature degree, she says: "Reading different books and different genres of literature meant that I gained an insight into worlds that are not my own, which in turn built empathy in my character. And empathy is the most crucial personality trait for politicians."

"My degree also meant I read many books by innovative thinkers through history (political ones included, such as [Mary Wollstonecraft](#)), which helps give context to and deeper understanding of the world we live in today. This has been particularly valuable to me when imagining how things can be done in future."

Biggest hit Siddiq was instrumental in the campaign to free her constituent [Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe](#) from detention in Iran.



Russell T Davies
Screenwriter
Worcester College, Oxford

Davies made his name as a screenwriter with Channel 4's *Queer As Folk*, and in 2005 took on the reboot of *Doctor Who*; the show has since won 36 Baftas. *It's a Sin*, an 80s-set story about the Aids pandemic, became the most viewed show ever on C4's streaming platform.

Biggest hit *Doctor Who* has earned more than £300m in revenue for the BBC.



Frankie Boyle
Comedian and writer
Sussex University

A Glaswegian, Boyle began performing standup aged 23 and gained widespread recognition as a regular on *Mock the Week* from 2005-2009. He has had his own TV shows, written three nonfiction books, and recently published his debut novel, *Meantime*.

Biggest hit *Meantime* went straight into the bestseller lists.

These are just a few examples from the article.

English can lead to a wide range of careers. Read the article to find out more.

Combination of subjects

Miss Hunt

English Literature
Theatre Studies
History
Psychology (AS)

Mrs Graham

English Literature
Psychology
History
Music

Mrs Rutter

English Language and Literature
Combined A Level
French
German
Media Studies

A few past Students combination of subjects

English Literature
Psychology
Geography

English Literature
Sociology
Geography

English Literature
Sociology
Art

English Literature
Biology
Chemistry
Maths

English Literature
French
Drama

So...why choose A Level English Literature?

*“English literature students tend to be **highly skilled** in research competencies and have **a range of** both subject-specific and **transferable skills** of analysis, argument, and research”.(Prof. Rick Rylance, Corpus Christi College, Oxford)*

A Level (Year 13)

Exam 1:

- Shakespeare (repeated from Year 12)
- Poetry written before 1900 (Rossetti repeated from Year 12)
- Drama written before 1900 (Duchess of Malfi)

•Exam 2:

- Two texts from a topic area (e.g. Dystopian)
Unseen Extract and a comparative essay
- Non-examined Assessment (Currently 'The History Boys' compared to 'Half of a Yellow Sun', 'Brick Lane' or 'Small Island', 'The World's Wife' by Carol Ann Duffy.)

Any questions speak with your
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