



Welcome to the Nishkam English Literature department

More than Academic Excellence | More than a School | More than 'Self'



Head of Department welcome

“We are extremely passionate about English Literature and its importance in the world, and we hope you will be too. English is a rich and varied subject which is suitable to many different students. It is about critical thinking, developing analytical skills and building arguments. As well providing many useful transferable skills, studying English Literature gives you different lenses to understand the world around you.”



Meet the department



Mrs Wilkes

Vice Principal- Teaching and Learning



Ms Mosley

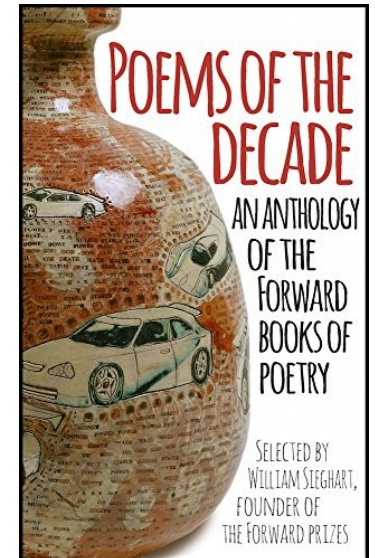
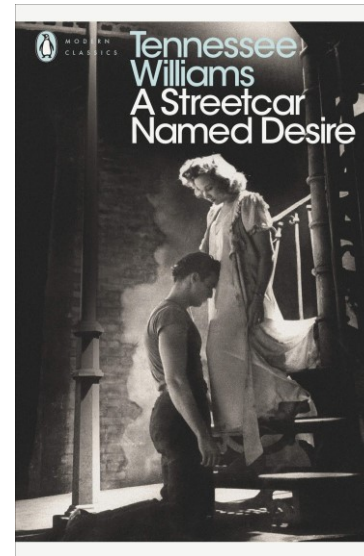
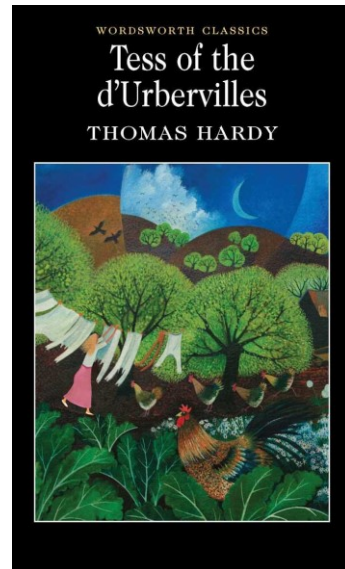
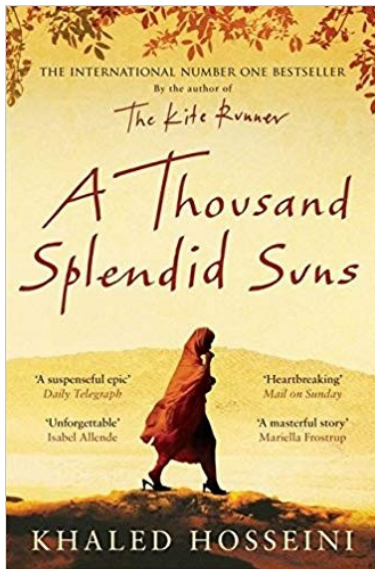
Faculty Leader of English

Photo tour of the department



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- Read a diverse range of texts





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- Read a diverse range of text
- Learn about the contexts in which texts are produced and read
- Read and explore literary criticism
- Discuss your opinions and interpretations of texts
- Learn how to write academically

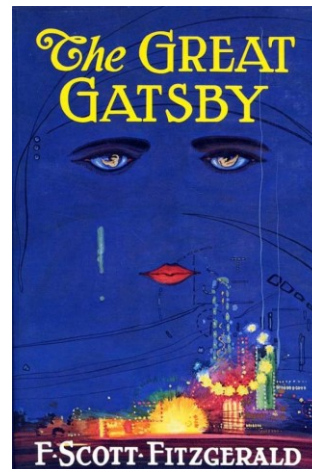
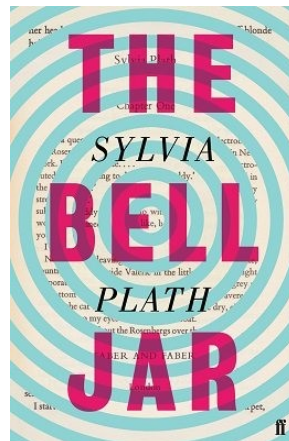
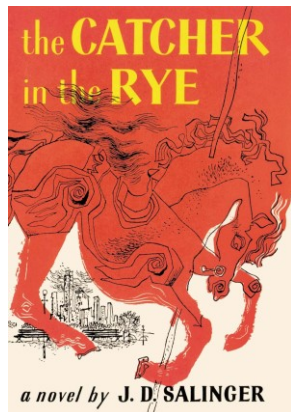
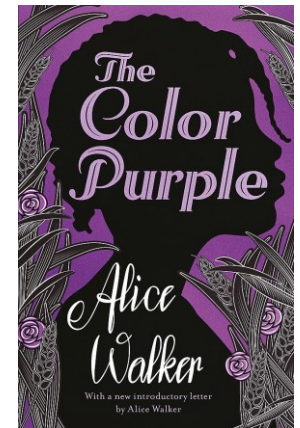
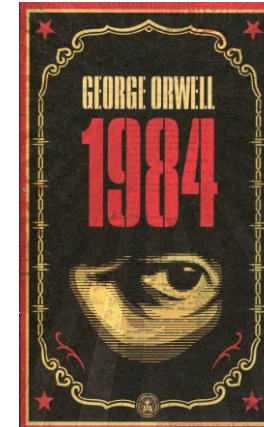
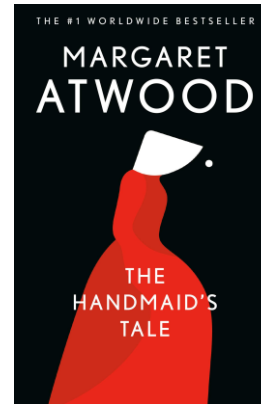


What you will study in English Literature

	Year 12/ AS Level	Year 13/ A Level
Drama 30%	A Streetcar Named Desire- Tennessee Williams	Shakespeare (e.g. Othello)
Poetry 30%	Poetry of the Decade- 20 poems	A movement of poetry (e.g. the Romantics)
Prose 20% + 20%	Tess of the D'Urbervilles- Thomas Hardy A Thousand Splendid Suns- Khalid Hosseini	Coursework comparison between two texts (2500-3000 words)

An example topic from English Literature

- Coursework- 20%
- 2500-3000 words
- Research skills
- Independent text choice





An example topic from English Literature

WORDSWORTH CLASSICS
Tess of the d'Urbervilles

EITHER

11 Compare the ways in which the writers of your **two** chosen texts present feelings of hope.

In your answer you must consider the following:

- the writers' methods
- links between the texts
- relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 11 = 44 marks)

OR

12 Compare the ways in which the writers of your **two** chosen texts use the concept of time.

In your answer you must consider the following:

- the writers' methods
- links between the texts
- relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 12 = 44 marks)

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Extra-curricular opportunities in English Literature

- Theatre trips- *A Streetcar Named Desire, Othello*
- University study days



Where can English Literature take you?

- Degrees: English Literature, English Language, **Law**, History, Psychology, Film and Television Studies, Sociology, Politics and International Relations, Religious Studies and Philosophy
- Careers: Law, Business and Accounting, Journalism, Media, Education, Marketing, Publishing, Advertising...



What we expect from you

- At least a 6 in GCSE English Literature
- Read books independently, as well as in class
- Contribute to class discussions
- Ready for a challenge!



Student perceptions

“What I like about English is that it has broadened my perspective and allowed me to be more creative in my ideas.”



Student perceptions

“What surprised me about A Level English Literature was the inspiration one can gain from reading a variety of texts.”



Student perceptions

“What I like about A Level English is that it allowed me to read texts I would never have reached for before and enjoy genres outside my usual choice.”



Student perceptions

“I like A Level English as it has allowed me to criticise texts from a more subjective standpoint. It also surprised me how much context and historical events I have learnt about, giving me a greater understanding of why certain texts and novels were written.”



Student perceptions

“What I like about A Level English is that everything we study is up for interpretation. It can be perceived in multiple ways. In addition that this many themes are universal and are reflected in every day life.”



Qualification details

- Edexcel English Literature (9ET0)
- AS- 2 exams
- A Level- 3 exams and coursework (20%)
- Open book exams



All of the Nishkam Sixth Form Open Evening resources can be found on the school's website within the Sixth Form section.

Applications are also now open and are available to complete electronically through the 'Apply' section of our Sixth Form page.



**We look forward to welcoming
many of you to our classrooms in
September 2021**