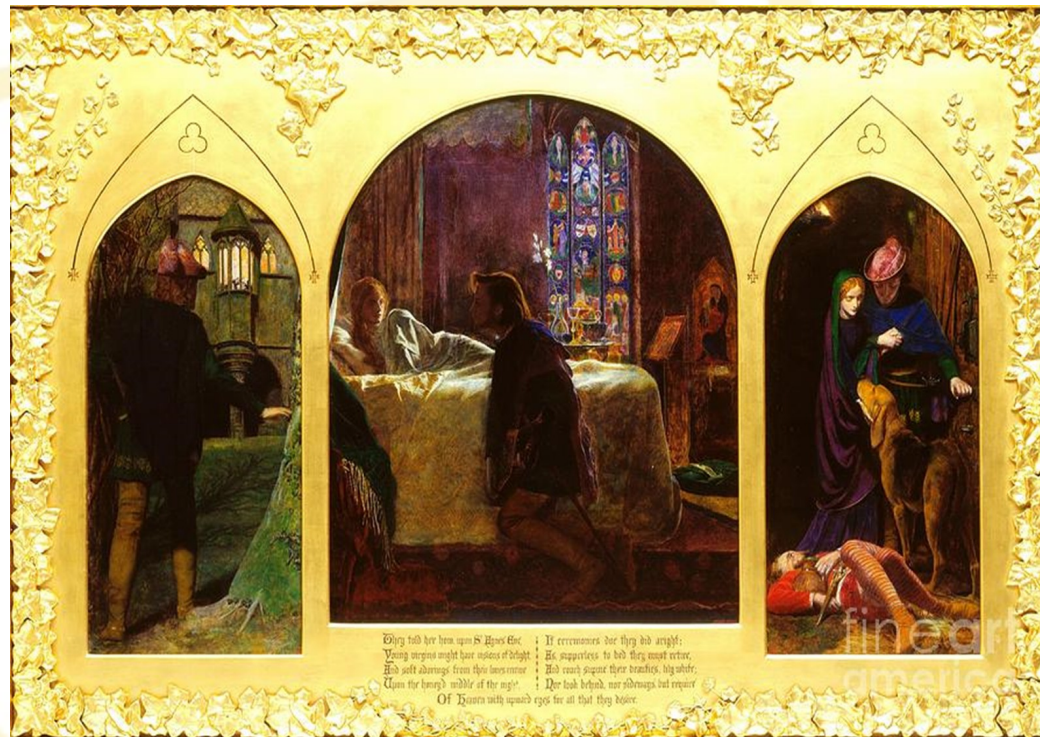
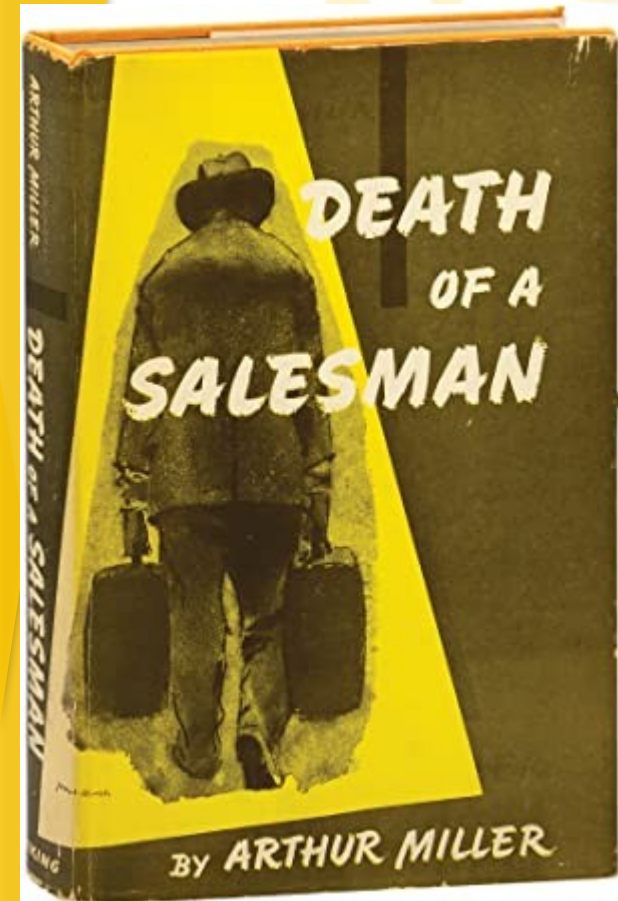


English Literature at St Francis of Assisi



The course:

2 years

3 units are studied for the whole A Level:
Aspects of Tragedy, Elements of Crime
Writing and NEA



Aspects of Tragedy – Drama and Poetry

Death of a Salesman

Othello

Keats for poetry



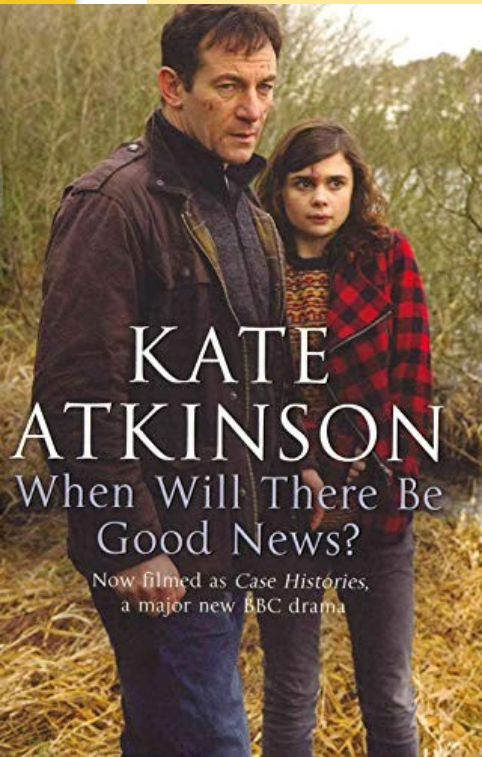
Elements of Crime Writing – prose

The Murder of Roger Ackroyd by Agatha Christie

When Will There be Good News?

Crime poetry (Browning, Crabbe, Wilde)

Unseen crime



Year 12-13

While studying texts for Tragedy, students will also be taught sections of critical anthology, covering subjects such as:

- ▶ narrative theory
- ▶ feminist theory
- ▶ Marxist theory

This will be extended later by the study of

- ▶ eco-critical theory
- ▶ post-colonial theory
- ▶ literary value and the canon



Year 12-13

- ▶ Wider, independent reading is vital from early in Y12
- ▶ Students should enjoy reading if they choose to study English Literature
- ▶ The best students read widely throughout the course
- ▶ 'Reading' encompasses both fiction and wider, critical reading.



Year 12-13

- ▶ The A Level involves 2 pieces of NEA
- ▶ Students write about two different literary texts: one prose and one poetry.
- ▶ Each text must be linked to a different section of the Critical anthology. Students begin work on this during Year 12.
- ▶ Students cannot choose texts from any of the A-Level exam set text lists and will be given a booklet to support them through this independent study.



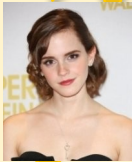
Recent results

(English literature)

- Average grade = B
- In the past 2 years, 80% of our students achieved grades A-B



Where can English Literature take you?



Directors
and
Writers

Actors

English Literature
graduates become...

Journalists

Teachers – in
the UK and
overseas!

Public relations
and Marketing

Researchers

Ambassadors



English Literature is valued as one of the facilitating subjects by universities because of the skills it develops within students, such as:

- ▶ Essay writing skills
- ▶ The ability to construct an argument
- ▶ Analytical skills
- ▶ Appreciation of our heritage
- ▶ Presentational skills
- ▶ The ability to work with others



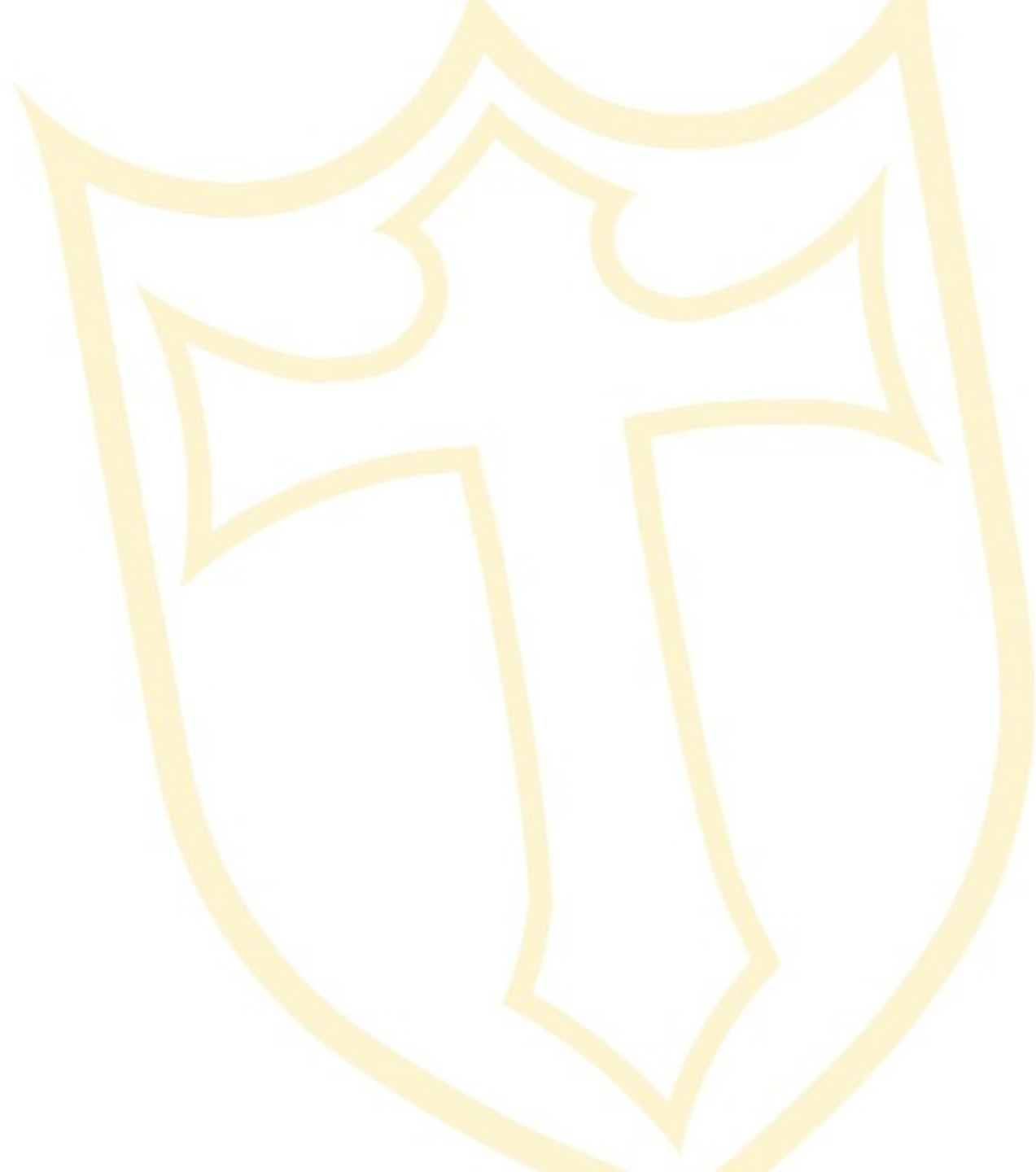
English Literature is valued as a subject by employers because of these skills but also because Literature students tend to be:

- ▶ Good listeners
- ▶ Good speakers
- ▶ Organised
- ▶ Good writers
- ▶ Good readers
- ▶ Skilful analysts

In recent years, students gained places at university to study courses such as the following:

- History (at Oxford)
- Linguistics
- Business
- Primary Teaching
- Languages
- Creative writing





Some student thoughts....

- ▶ English literature is a subject I chose because it offers transferable skills. It is very interesting and it offers a lot of opportunities for example going on school trips to see drama plays of the text's that are being studied. I think it would be a good study for A Level.



Some student thoughts....

- ▶ I have enjoyed literature especially the classical texts such as *Othello* and Keats. I particularly like studying the crime section as it has opened a new perspective on literature. Thoroughly recommend taking Literature at A level.



Some student thoughts....

- ▶ I enjoy literature as a whole, in particular contemporary texts such as *When Will There Be Good News* . I also appreciate listening to others opinions and interpretations of texts.



Some student thoughts....

- ▶ I chose English literature at A level because I like the subject as a whole, I very much enjoy reading and being able to further study the subject is a great way to engage more with texts and the subject as a whole.



Some student thoughts....

- ▶ I chose to do English Literature because I have always enjoyed reading and through Literature I have learned a lot about authors and the contexts they were writing in. Studying Literature has allowed me to learn about Shakespearean tragedies like Othello.



Some student thoughts....

- I chose English Literature because I enjoy reading and looking at these texts from different perspectives. I enjoyed studying texts such as *Othello* written by William Shakespeare and *Death of a salesman* by Arthur Miller.



Some student thoughts....

- ▶ I chose English Literature purely as I felt comfortable and confident in the subject due to achieving an A at GCSE, English Literature has helped my wider reading, as I have read books I would have never normally chosen on the shelf, due to this English Literature has helped me develop my writing skills.

