Entry Requirements:

Holy Family Sixth Form entry requirements apply. It is recommended that you have at least a Grade 5 in English Language and English Literature. It is vital that you are a capable and independent reader, willing to read books unassisted.

The Learning:

The course, delivered by two English specialists, will be taught using a range of learning and teaching activities including: teacher and student led lessons, presentations, group discussions, independent study and research. You will read, study, analyse and compare a range of texts covering the three genres of literature (prose, poetry and drama) from Chaucer through to present times. The curriculum is rich and stimulating and will both challenge and develop the innate skills you possess as a student of literature.

The variety of assessment styles in the two exam papers- consisting of passage-based questions, unseen material, single text questions, multiple text questions, open and closed book questions- will lead students to develop a wide range of skills. There is also a 20% coursework element for this course, comprising two essays of 1250-1500 words.

What direction this course might take you in:

A Level English Literature provides a sound basis for any Arts-based Higher Education or Further Education course, but is also highly regarded for many university courses. Our A Level English Literature students have gone on to study a wide range of university courses, including Medicine. Possible career options would include Publishing, Advertising, Journalism and Media, Public Relations, Teaching and Law.