

## The challenges of English Literature A Level...



Having completed our study of Shakespeare's *Othello*, Lower 6 students are beginning to explore the pre-1900 poetry anthology on the theme of 'Love through the Ages'. We have already discussed the ways in which Wyatt and Shakespeare have each adapted the sonnet form to suit their own purposes and moved on to look at Richard Lovelace's 'The Scrutiny', a playful monologue concerning infidelity.

Much to our students' amusement, their knowledge of the seventeenth century historical context far outstrips mine given that they have enjoyed learning it in history with Mrs Watson. It's amazing how subjects begin to overlap at this stage – and makes A Level teaching even more rewarding.

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