

English Literature GCSE

Overview

English Literature GCSE focuses upon supporting students' ability to think about morality and humanity, whilst studying their Literary Heritage and becoming critical thinkers. The interleaving of the two courses enables students to analyse the best in Literature, thus they read like writers and write like readers. The course leads directly to A Level Literature, however, it is also, like Language a gateway to any course or employment which requires communication or critical thinking.

Topics

Students will develop the following skills through studying English Literature:

- Students should be able to maintain a critical style and develop an informed personal response
- To use textual references including quotations to support and illustrate interpretations
- To analyse form, structure, and language
- To show the relationship between texts and their social, cultural, and historical contexts
- To use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose, and effect

Students will study the following areas of Literature:

- **Component 1 - Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel** – students will study Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, and An Inspector Calls
- **Component 2 – Modern Texts and Poetry** – students will study 'An Inspector Calls' and an anthology of power conflict poetry alongside contemporary unseen poetry.

Course Structure

There is no tiered entry, so all students sit the same examinations regardless of their ability.

There are two exam papers:

- Paper 1 - 1 hour 45 minutes - Closed texts - 64 marks - 40% of final GCSE grade
- Paper 2 - 2 hours 15 minutes - Closed book - 96 marks - 60% of final GCSE grade.

Additional Information & Who to Contact

- For more information please follow the link to the course specification on the exam board website <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702>
- If you require any further information or have any questions, then please contact Ms. Tunnicliff (Head of English) via email – catherina.tunnicliff@consilium-at.com

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