

ENGLISH LITERATURE

“English literature is a glorious inheritance which is open to all – there are no barriers, no coupons, and no restrictions. In its great writers there are great riches and treasures...”
– Winston Churchill.

Content

Throughout this two year course, students will employ many of the skills already familiar to them from KS3 such as inference, analysis and comprehension. Students will study texts which will help to challenge their preconceptions of the past and to explore new ways of thinking which will help inform their ideas and opinions in the future.

Students will learn to read and write critically about various forms of literature, both pre and post 1900.

Alongside this, they are encouraged to read widely and regularly for pleasure and to help elevate their vocabulary and fuel their imaginations. Our KS4 recommended reading list can be found here:

[KS4 Reading List](#)

Examinations

English Literature Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes

64 marks

40% of GCSE

Section A: Shakespeare (*Macbeth*) 30 marks + 4 SPaG

Section B: The 19th-century novel (*Jekyll and Hyde*) 30 marks

For both sections, students will be given an extract from the text to use as a starting point for their analysis.

English Literature Paper 2: Modern Texts and Poetry

Written exam: 2 hour 15 minutes

96 marks

60% of GCSE

Section A: Modern texts (***An Inspector Calls***) 30 marks + 4 SPAG

Students are given a choice between two questions to answer for this section.

Section B: Poetry (**Power and Conflict**) 30 marks

Students will be given a named poem to compare to another they have studied from their collection.

Section C: Unseen poetry

Part 1- Essay question on one unseen poem 24 marks

Part 2-Comparative of two unseen poems 8 marks

Awarding body: AQA

Revision Websites:

- BBC Bitesize
- York Notes
- My Shakespeare
- Sparknotes

There are also lots of informative video lessons for both English Literature and English Language on YouTube – just Google what it is you're looking for.

Reliable Youtubers include:

- Mr Bruff
- Mr Salles
- Mr Everything English

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