

Exam Board & Course title: AQA English Literature

Qualification: GCSE
Qan Code: 601/4447/6

Level of course: Compulsory for all students.

Assessment Methods:

Two exams at the end of the course.

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel – This exam is for 1 hr 45mins and counts for 40% of the GCSE.

Paper 2: Modern texts and Poetry – This exam is for 2 hrs and 15 mins and counts for 60% of the GCSE.

Course content:

You will study one modern play or work of prose as well as an anthology of poetry. You will also need to be able to explore poetry that you have never seen before and compare poems that you have studied.

You will also be required to study a full Shakespeare play and to be able to analyse extracts from it as well as explore the entire play. You will also study a 19th century novel. No texts can be taken into the exams so you will need to read your set texts a few times before the exam and to learn some key quotes off by heart.

Skills you need:

- Listening skills
- Speaking skills
- Communication skills
- Ability to work within a group and independently
- Reading
- Writing
- Thinking creatively
- Motivation
- To be able to read independently

Skills you will acquire:

- Reading and writing skills
- Analytical and evaluative skills
- Comparative skills
- Thinking skills
- Problem solving
- Communication skills
- Literacy

Progression routes and linked careers:

This course would enable you to study English at A Level and then onto degree level.

Most colleges require at least a Grade 6 to study English Literature at A Level.

Future careers with English include teaching, journalism, law, editing, marketing, media and management.

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