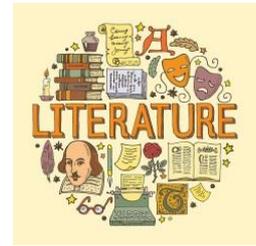


# GCSE English Literature



**GCSE English Literature is a core subject and all students are required to study it.**

## **What will I study?**

**You will study a range of texts and continue to develop analytical and comparative skills. You will learn how to analyse a text and carefully select quotes to support ideas and interrogate in relation to a set exam task. In addition to this, new terminology will be taught to support focussed analytical writing, whilst also exploring the effects of these techniques. You will also explore social and historical contexts behind the texts, considering what influenced writers, and what they wanted to achieve. The texts studied will include Shakespeare's play, 'Macbeth'; a modern novel/drama, 'Lord of the Flies'; a 19<sup>th</sup> century novel, 'A Christmas Carol' and one of the poetry clusters from the AQA anthology.**

## **Who would this course suit?**

**This is a compulsory course and will help you to build an appreciation of texts, that will deepen and enrich your knowledge of so much more than reading skills alone.**

## **How will I learn?**

**Students learn in classes set by ability and each year group covers a topic every half-term. This is then assessed through an in-class assessment in exam conditions. The topics focus on extracts from the longer texts or two poems to compare across a theme. Teachers often used paired and group work during lessons so that activities are mostly student-led. Students take ownership of their own learning through peer and self-assessment.**

**How will my work be assessed?**

The qualification is externally assessed through 2 written examinations. Both exams include questions assessing the skill of reading and 8 marks across the two papers are devoted to technical accuracy; students gain marks for secure spelling, punctuation and grammar. Paper 1 focusses on Shakespeare & the 19<sup>th</sup> century novel and Paper 2 on the modern novel and poetry.

**How can I use this course after Year 11/ in the future?**

English Literature is an important subject and is desirable both for entering the world of work, as well as for further education. It is an advantageous qualification to have, if you are looking to study English or Law at university. Possible career paths could include publishing, teaching and law, amongst others.

**If I want to know more I should ask:**

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