



English Literature

Examination Board: AQA
Examination Code: 8702

Outline of the Course

You will study:

- A Shakespeare play
- A 19th century novel
- A modern drama or prose text
- A cluster of poetry from 1789 - present day
- Unseen poetry

What will you learn?

Literal and inferential comprehension: understanding words, phrases, sentences in context; exploring plot and character; understanding implied meaning; explaining structure

Critical meaning: identifying theme and supporting points of view; understanding the significance of historical context

Evaluation of style: analysing how language, structure and form contribute to quality and impact

Comparison: comparing and contrasting texts

How will I be assessed?

There are two terminal exams (4 hours total):
Paper 1 (Shakespeare and the 19th century novel):
1¾ hours

Paper 2 (Modern texts and poetry): 2¼ hours

Mark Breakdown

Paper 1: 64 marks (40%)

Paper 2: 96 marks (60%)

Website links

www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse

Key Dates

Exams: May/June Year 11

Further Information

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What can I do after I have completed the course?

English Literature is compulsory at GCSE. It is accepted for entry to Sixth Form, further and higher education. It provides you with critical thinking, analytical and writing skills which are valuable in a number of post-16 subject study areas and in the world of work and beyond. Students who are successful in English Literature go on to study the full range of university subjects from Medicine to Philosophy.