



English Literature

Examination Board: AQA

Examination Code: 8702

Outline of the Course

Topics studied in Year 10 (in order)

1. An Inspector Calls
2. Jekyll and Hyde
3. Julius Caesar
4. Worlds and lives Poetry Anthology
5. Unseen Poetry

Topics studied in Year 11 (in order)

Revision of Literature texts

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) requiring candidates to write an essay on each of the texts studied as well as on two unseen poems. Marks are awarded for the development of ideas and students' ability to identify authors' methods and their effects on audiences:

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	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-8702/specification
Key Dates	Exams: May/June Year 11
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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.