

KS4 ENGLISH LITERATURE



Qualification	Examination Board	Specification Code
GCSE	AQA	8702

Topics Covered

Students will have a chance to develop an appreciation of the finest modern texts, poems, plays and 19th century texts that have been written. Studying GCSE English Literature should encourage students to read widely for pleasure, and provides a preparation for studying literature at a higher level.

Course Outline

This GCSE encourages students to develop knowledge and skills in reading, writing and critical thinking.

Assessment

Paper 1: Un-tiered Examination – Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel - 40%

Section A: Shakespeare: This section will require pupils to answer one question on a studied Shakespeare play. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the play and then to write about the play as a whole. The Shakespeare play studied is Macbeth.

Section B The 19th-century novel: This section will require pupils to answer one question on the novel studied. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the novel and then to write about it as a whole. The novel studied is A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens.

Paper 2: Un-tiered Examination – Modern Texts and Poetry - 60%

Section A: Modern Texts. In this section pupils will answer one essay question from a choice of two on their studied modern drama text. The modern drama text studied is An Inspector Calls by JB Priestley.
Section B: Poetry. In this section pupils will answer one comparative question on one named poem printed on the paper and one other poem from their chosen anthology cluster of poems, which will be the Conflict cluster.

Section C: Unseen Poetry. In this section pupils will answer one question on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem.

Career Opportunities

English graduates find opportunities with many different employers.

Public and private sector organisations such as the National Health Service (NHS), educational institutions, local and national government, financial and legal firms, and voluntary and charitable organisations employ English graduates in a range of roles.

Course Progression

This course can lead to the study of A Level English Language or A Level English Literature.