

Key Stage 5 – English Literature

Year 1:

Exam Information

Exam Board and Specification Number:

AQA: 7717

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Course Description

What will be studied?

Paper 1: Literary Genres - Aspects of Tragedy

The study of Aspects of Tragedy in three texts, which must include a Shakespeare text, a second drama text and one further text, of which one must be written pre-1900. The examination will be closed book.

Paper 2: Texts and Genres - Elements of Political and Social Protests

The study of Elements of social and political protest writing in three texts, which must include one post-2000 prose text; one poetry and one further text, one of which must be written pre-1900. The examination will be open book.

NEA (Non-Exam Assessment)

Two essays between 1200-1500 words each responding to a different text of your choice, linking to a different aspect of the Critical anthology. One text must be prose and the other must be poetry. One essay can be re-creative. The re-creative piece must be accompanied by a commentary.

Entry requirements

What are the entry requirements?

The minimum entry requirement will be six GCSE qualifications at Grades 5 - 9. In addition to this, students will be expected to achieve a grade 6 or above in English Language and/or English Literature.

Assessment

How will I be assessed?

Paper 1: 7717/1A [40%]

Paper 2: 7717/2B [40%]

NEA: Non-Examined Assessment [20%]

Assessed by a 2 ½ hour exam in the Summer Term.

Assessed by a 3 hour exam in the Summer Term.

Assessed by teachers and moderated by AQA.

Careers & Progression

Career ideas and Progression route

Students will progress into Year 2 during which you have the opportunity to gain an A-Level qualification in this subject.

Level 3 qualifications in English Literature will enable students to enter degree and degree level courses that relate to Media, Journalism, Law and Education.

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