

Exam Board: AQA

Course Overview

Literature is studied by all students in years 10 and 11. Our schemes of learning are written to inspire, challenge and motivate students of all abilities.

Course Breakdown

Paper 1:

Section A – Shakespeare

Students answer one question on the play studied in class. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the play and then to write about the play as a whole.

Section B – 19th Century Novel

Students answer one question on the novel studied in class. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the novel and then to write about the novel as a whole.

Paper 2:

Section A – Modern prose or drama

Students will answer one essay question from a choice of two on their studied modern prose or drama text.

Section B – Poetry

Students will answer one comparative question on one named poem printed on the paper and one other poem from their chosen anthology cluster.

Section C – Unseen poetry

Students will answer one question on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem.

Assessment

Paper 1 is a written exam of 1 hour, 45 minutes and represents 40% of the total exam mark.

Paper 2 is a written exam of 2 hours, 15 minutes and represents 60% of the total exam mark.

All exams are set externally and sat at the end of the course in Summer 2019.

Qualities needed for success in the course:

To do well you need to be able to listen carefully to instructions and always work to the best of your ability. An interest in reading different types of texts (non-fiction, short stories, novels, plays and poetry) and being curious about different cultures and experiences, as well as a creative, flexible approach to learning will give you the best opportunities to do well.

Possible Post 16/career paths:

English is an essential grounding for all A Level subjects, college courses or apprenticeships. There are clear progression routes into English Literature or English Language & Literature at A Level.

