



English Literature

Course Title -English literature

Exam board - AQA

Specification - <http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/english/specifications/AQA-7711-7712-SP-2015.PDF>

Content outline:

Paper 1: Love through the ages – Shakespeare and Poetry (50% of qualification)

Section A: Shakespeare. One passage-based question with linked essay (25 marks)

Section B: Poetry. One question on printed poem (25 marks)

Paper 2: Love through the ages – Prose (50% of qualification)

Section A: Unseen prose. One compulsory question on unseen prose extract (25 marks)

Section B: Comparing prose texts. One comparative question on two prose texts (25 marks)

Entry qualifications: 6 at English literature GCSE. plus 5 GCSEs grade 9-5 including English & maths

Skills required/developed: You must be willing to debate and contribute to class discussions so that you develop your ability to convey a viewpoint convincingly and evaluate a breadth of concepts and issues related to English literature.

Other requirements:

You will be expected to involve yourself in the leading of the annual Christmas Carol concert and undertake wider reading associated with course as directed by your class teacher.

Assessment: Exams and Class assessments, homework assignments and mock exams will continue throughout the year.

Cost:

We have been fortunate to organise trips in the past (for example, to Plymouth Theatre Royal). Trips like this incur a charge of around £18-£20. You are welcome to purchase your own text book or revision guides, however any books supplied by College will incur a book deposit. If you return the book in a useable state, you will receive your deposit back. You will be required to bring a folder with dividers to the first lesson.

Career/progression:

Have a look at these links for some inspiration: <http://www.careers4u.tv/tag/english/> and http://www.prospects.ac.uk/options_english.htm Law, journalism, creative writing and teaching are just some of the career paths open to you with an AS in English literature.

Supporting subjects

English literature sits well with English language and history. Many psychology students also study English literature. If you are unsure about what else to take at KS5, have a look at this link for some guidance including information on “facilitating” subjects:

<http://university.which.co.uk/advice/six-things-you-need-to-know-before-making-your-a-level-choices>