



Edexcel English Literature

Level 3: AS / A2

PROGRAMME AIM: To develop your interest and enjoyment of literature. You will read a wide variety of alternative texts from different periods; you will analyse and respond to literature making informed opinions and judgments on literary texts. You will be able to gain an understanding of cultural, historical and other influences on texts.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS / SUITABILITY: GCSE Grades 5 - 8, including English Grade 5 or above. You must enjoy reading and enjoy articulating ideas; you should be able to communicate a range of ideas in writing.

CONTENT:

The course consists of four units, two taken at AS Level, two taken at A Level but all are examined again at the end of two years.

Component 1: One Shakespeare play and one other drama from either tragedy or comedy - both texts may be selected from one or both of these categories; Critical essays related to their selected Shakespeare play. Students' preparation is supported by Shakespeare: A Critical Anthology - Tragedy or Shakespeare: A Critical Anthology - Comedy.

Component 2: Students study two prose texts from a chosen theme. At least one of the prose texts must be pre-1900.

Component 3: Students study poetic form, meaning and language; a selection of post-2000 specified poetry and a specified range of poetry from a literary period.

Coursework: Students have a free choice of two texts to study. Chosen texts must be different from those studied in Components 1, 2 & 3 and must be complete texts. They may be linked by theme, movement, author or period.

LEADS TO:

Students with qualifications in English Literature go on to work in a range of fields including: Publishing, Media, Advertising, Sales and Teaching. The academic standards of the course ensure, however, that whatever you chose to do, your English Literature qualification will be welcomed and valued.

The majority of assessments are examined externally as linear examinations in Year 13. However, there will be one element of coursework where an independent critical study will be carried out by the students. There is a free choice of texts.