

# ENGLISH LITERATURE A-LEVEL



**EXAM BOARD:** AQA

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

You will learn to read texts with insight and analysis, making links between different types of literature and the times and cultures in which they were produced. You will be able to communicate your thoughts and opinions about texts with clarity, fluency and depth. It is essential that you have the interest and motivation to read independently and the readiness to discuss your thoughts about texts in detail.

## **COURSE CONTENT:**

The A-Level course consists of 3 units covering the study of several novels and poems, both modern and classic. In the first year, a Shakespeare play, poetry and prose texts are studied within the genre of love through the ages. A coursework unit enables the independent study of your own choice of texts within the format of a comparative essay. The final exam unit, studied in the second year, includes the analysis of unseen literature and the study of a further genre, literature of modern times, again covering a range of texts from different ages and across poetry, prose and drama.

## **ASSESSMENT:**

Three units are studied, two for exam and one for non-exam assessment. An exam unit is studied each year with the coursework at the end of Year 12.

## **FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:**

A-Level English Literature provides an important foundation for any degree or career involving excellent written communication, research and analytical skills. It will open up many careers including Journalism, Teaching, Law, Academia, Media, Advertising, Marketing, Politics and the Performing Arts. English Literature is a facilitating subject as it facilitates the learning and better understanding of all other subjects.

## **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:**

English Language and English Literature GCSEs both at least at Grade 6. A love of reading and the ability to read challenging texts independently is also essential.