

**SUBJECT:**

# ENGLISH LITERATURE

Head of Department: Mrs Evans

**GCSE**

Exam Board: AQA

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

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The new GCSE English Literature course is designed to encourage students to develop knowledge and critical thinking skills. Through literature, students have a chance to develop culturally and acquire knowledge of the best that has been thought and written. Studying GCSE English Literature should also encourage students to read widely for pleasure and acquire wide vocabulary.

A greater emphasis has been placed on the study of Shakespeare, the 19th-Century novel and British Literature in this newly revised course.

The course is a linear qualification that commences in Year 9 and is examined at the end of Year 11.

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### Assessment

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th-Century novel 1 hour 45 minutes  
40% of GCSE

Paper 2: Modern Texts and Poetry 2 hours 15 minutes  
60% of GCSE

### Subject Teachers

Mrs Evans (Head of Department)  
Ms King (Second in Department)  
Mr Sharrock  
Mrs Norton  
Mr Harrington    Mr Oakley  
Mrs Hitchin        Mr Mallon

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### Higher Education Courses/Careers

Sixth Form: GCE A Level English, English Literature, combined English and Literature and Media Studies

English Literature can be studied with a variety of other subjects at University including: History, Politics, Law, and Philosophy.

Careers where this course may be useful are: Journalism, Law, Business, Retail, Marketing, Teaching, and Social Work. It is considered as a generic qualification that is highly regarded for many other career paths.

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