

# A Level English Literature

Examination Board: AQA Literature B

Contact Teacher: Miss Hare



## Course Details and Assessment

The A Level English Literature course encourages students to understand how narrative works, to look at genre and to learn about critical approaches to texts. Through wide and independent reading, the course also considers different types of critical approach to genre and how texts can reflect cultural meanings.

The course will cover the following texts and topic areas:

AS Course	Full A Level
<p><u>Paper 1: Literary genres (Drama)</u> Shakespeare's <i>Othello</i>/ Miller's <i>Death of a Salesman</i></p> <p><u>Paper 2: Literary genres (Prose and poetry)</u> Fitzgerald's <i>The Great Gatsby</i> Keats' Poetry</p> <p>Theme: <i>Aspects of Tragedy</i></p>	<p><u>Paper 1: Literary genres – Aspects of Tragedy</u> Shakespeare's <i>Othello</i>/ Miller's <i>Death of a Salesman</i>/Keats' poetry</p> <p><u>Paper 2: Texts and Genres – Political and Social Protest Writing</u> Atwood's <i>The Handmaid's Tale</i>/ Hosseini's <i>The Kite Runner</i>/ Blake's poetry/ Unseen passage from a text</p> <p><u>Paper 3: Theory and Independence (non-exam)</u> Students work independently to analyse a text of their choice and a selection of poetry from a specific theoretical perspective (e.g. Marxism or Feminism)</p>

The course is assessed in the following way:

Students who wish to achieve qualifications in English Literature are assessed as follows:

AS Level	A Level
<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Assessment</b>
<p><u>Paper 1: Literary genres (Drama)</u> Closed book exam. 1 hr 30 mins. 50%.</p> <p><u>Paper 2: Literary genres (Prose and poetry)</u> Open book exam. 1 hr 30 mins. 50%</p>	<p><u>Paper 1: Literary genres</u> Closed book exam. 2 hrs 30 mins. 40%</p> <p><u>Paper 2: Texts and Genres</u> Open book exam. 3 hrs. 40%</p> <p><u>Paper 3: Theory and Independence (non-exam) 20%</u></p>

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements
<p>University courses – highly regarded due to being considered a “facilitating subject” but especially usefully for: Journalism, Media, Education and Law</p>	<p>Grade 5 or above in GCSE English Language and English Literature. A passion for reading and critical analysis. Strong independent learner.</p>

*"Literature adds to reality, it does not simply describe it. It enriches the necessary competencies that daily life requires and provides; and in this respect, it irrigates the deserts that our lives have already become." C.S. Lewis*