

# English Literature

## COURSE CODE

A Level      AQA 7712

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 6 in GCSE English Literature.

## WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

The A level course is designed to introduce students to the topic of 'Love Through the Ages', through which students will analyse, connect and compare a variety of texts from the three genres of drama, prose and poetry, ranging from the 19th to the 21st century. Some of our current texts include Shakespeare's 'Othello', 'The Great Gatsby', 'The Feminine Gospels' by Carol Ann Duffy, 'All My Sons' by Arthur Miller and 'Spies' by Michael Frayn.

## ASSESSMENT

### A Level

- Paper 1 - Shakespeare, Poetry and Prose – 3 hours – 40% of A level.
- Paper 2B – Modern Times: Literature from 1945 to the present day – 40% of A level.
- Non-exam assessment – coursework based on theme of Gothic fiction – 20% of A level.

## NEXT STEPS

Many students go on to study English Literature at university and some combine English as part of a combined degree course. Whichever subject is taken on, students report that this A level develops their analytical and critical thinking skills, as well as helping them to produce concise, precise and well-presented written arguments. It also enriches their understanding of the wide range of literature available, widening their access to a greater range of books to be read for pleasure throughout life.

## CAREER INFORMATION

English Literature students can access a wide variety of careers, having proven their academic qualities in this rigorous and respected A level subject. Some students go into Teaching, others enter the world of Business or Journalism or Law, as well as many other areas.

## EXTRA COSTS

Students are advised to buy the AQA English Literature A Oxford textbook and are also expected to provide their own copies of around 5 core texts, possibly to the value of around £50. AQA provides a free copy of the required poetry anthology.