

# English Literature

AQA

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Category	Information
<b>Course Entry Requirement</b>	GCSE grade 5 in English Literature and English Language.
<b>Course description</b> <i>What will I be studying and doing?</i> <i>How much theory, how much applied or practical?</i>	<p>This is a two year linear course.</p> <p>Students are required to study 'Love through the Ages' in Shakespeare, Poetry and Prose. You will be exploring the relationships that exist between texts and the contexts within which they are written, received and understood. You will also be encouraged to debate and challenge the interpretations of other readers, developing your own informed personal responses. You will be looking at ways in which authors shape meaning within their texts and considering contextual relevance across time. You will explore: love and loss; social conventions and taboos; love through the ages according to history and time; love through the ages according to individual lives (young love, maturing love); jealousy and guilt; truth and deception and more.</p> <p>You will also study either, World War One and its aftermath through the medium of Literature, or Modern Literature (1945-present day).</p>
<b>Coursework</b> <i>What do I have to do for coursework?</i>	The <b>A level coursework</b> is worth 20% of the final mark and is a comparative study of two texts. The focus is on 'Texts across Time', and you will produce an essay of approximately 2500 words.
<b>Final examination</b> <i>What's the final exam like?</i>	There are two examinations at the end of the course, each is worth 40% of the final mark. In <b>Paper 1</b> , students answer questions on Shakespeare and Poetry, with the focus on 'Love through the Ages'. <b>Paper 2</b> requires students to answer questions on the set texts from WWI or Modern Literature. There is an unseen element to this paper.
<b>Post-18 Opportunities and Employment</b>	This course sits well with other arts based courses at university and can provide a solid base for careers in the media, journalism, teaching, the law, management, sales, the theatre, civil service, advertising, banking, the BBC and more!