



GCSE

English Literature



This is a compulsory course for all pupils.

Why study English Literature?

Studying English Literature broadens your horizons: studying texts from a range of different time periods and perspectives provides you with the opportunity to delve into ideas, settings and characters that exist beyond your own personal experiences. Throughout the course you will read a range of texts and will learn how to critically respond to them. You will explore universal concepts such as ambition, hierarchy and gender which will enable you to challenge and critique your own views and ideas on topics that shape the world we live in and how we view it.

Exam Board:



Overview of course content (specification code: 8702)

Texts Studied

Throughout this course, you will explore the following:

- **Shakespeare:** Macbeth
- **A 19th Century Novel:** Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde or A Christmas Carol
- **Modern Texts:** An Inspector Calls
- **Poetry:** The Power and Conflict cluster of poems from the AQA poetry anthology.

Examination and Assessment

Examination	% of GCSE
Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel Exam duration: 1 hour 45 minutes (64 marks)	40%
Paper 2: Modern Texts and Poetry Exam duration: 2 hours 15 minutes (96 marks)	60%

