

KEY STAGE FOUR SUBJECT INFORMATION

Subject Title: **GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE (Compulsory Core)**

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Examination Board: **AQA** www.aqa.org.uk

Course Content

The course develops the ability to read, understand and respond to a wide variety of literary texts and to appreciate the ways in which authors achieve their effects. It promotes an awareness of social, historical and cultural contexts in the study of literature. It allows pupils to develop an ability to construct and convey meaning through the written word by exploring how others have done so before them.

Subject Skills

The English Literature GCSE encourages students to read a wide range of classic literature fluently with the assessment of:

- A 19th century novel
- A Shakespeare play
- A selection of poetry since 1789 including representative Romantic poems
- British prose fiction or drama from 1914 onwards.

Tiers

Tiers have been removed from GCSE English Literature. This means that specifications and question papers will have to cover the full range of abilities.

Assessment

All examinations are compulsory and take place at the end of year 11.

Examinations

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel. Written exam, 1 hour and 45 minutes, 64 marks available representing 40% of the final grade.

Paper 2: Modern Texts and Poetry. Written exam, 2 hours and 15 minutes, 96 marks available representing 60% of the final grade.

