

# ENGLISH LITERATURE

**Subject Leader:**  
Mr. W. Hamer

**Exam Board:**  
AQA  
(Specification A)

English Literature is a challenging but rewarding exploration of a wide variety of texts in great detail. As well as enjoying the books for their own sake, you will practise your critical thinking skills, improve your debating technique and polish your written style. Throughout the course you will be encouraged to appreciate the significance of cultural and historical influences upon writers and readers and the contexts for which they were written. Literature is a long established and highly regarded academic discipline which deals with the big questions of life, love, death and why we are here.

## Course Structure and Organisation

The course is taught in units in which students are assessed via modular exams and coursework. Two teachers will be teaching each group.

Three set texts are studied in the A/S year, one of each genre ie drama, poetry and prose.

At least three texts **must** be read **independently** by the student in order to fulfil wider reading expectations. Suggested wider reading list provided (see English Dept. for details).

For the coursework students will be studying **one prose** text and **one drama** text from **war literature** (see English Dept. for details)

### The A2 year is broader in terms of texts studied.

The theme for the exam will be Love **Through the Ages**, where preparation will involve plenty of **wider reading**.

Coursework will be a comparative study of three texts. One text **must** be a **Shakespeare** play, the other texts are entirely the choice of the students and can be any genre (obviously negotiated with their teacher).

## Assessment

### AS

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Summer module

War Literature Poetry

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Coursework

War Literature Prose and Drama

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### A2

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Summer module

Love through the Ages

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Coursework

Shakespeare and two other texts

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## Weighting

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The coursework element is worth 40% of the overall assessment for A2, 20% in Year 12 and 20% in Year 13. For AS only, coursework is 40%.

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