

## ENGLISH LITERATURE

### Advanced Level Subject Guide

Exam Board: AQA



### COURSE & EXAMINATION OUTLINE

#### **PAPER 1 – Love through the Ages**

##### What's assessed?

Study of three texts: one poetry and one prose text (of which one must be written pre-1900) and one Shakespeare play. The examination will include two unseen poems.

##### Assessed

- Written Exam: 3 Hours
- Open Book, Section C only
- 75 Marks
- 40% of A-Level

##### Questions

- **Section A:** Shakespeare one passage-based question with linked essay (25 marks)
- **Section B:** Unseen Poetry compulsory essay question on two unseen poems (25 marks)
- **Section C** comparing texts one essay question linking two texts (25 marks)

#### **PAPER 2 – Texts in Shared Contexts**

##### Choice of two options, we study Option A

- **Option 2A:** WW1 and its aftermath

##### Assessed

- Written exam 2 hours 30 minutes.
- Open Book
- 75 Marks
- 40% of A-Level

##### Questions

- **Section A:** one essay on set text (25 Marks)
- **Section B:** Contextual Linking
  - One compulsory question on an unseen prose extract (25 Marks)
  - One essay question linking two texts (25 Marks)

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least Grade 6 at GCSE in either English Language or English Literature

*"A student of literature will have an enquiring mind. As well as a love of reading, they should have an interest in humanity, our history and how it is represented in literary texts. They will learn how to read critically as well as how a writer uses the tools of language to construct beautiful, passionate, terrifying or life changing stories. It is through literature that we can learn what it is to live a different life in a different time and place. The study of literature is highly academic and will be excellent preparation for university. More importantly, it will broaden knowledge, insight and understanding of the human condition"*

##### **Non exam assessment:**

##### **Independent Critical Study text across time**

Comparative critical study of two texts, at least one of which must have been written pre-1900. One extended essay (2500 words) and a biography.

##### **Assessed**

- 50 Marks
- Assessed by Teachers
- Moderated by AQA
- 20 % of A-Level

