

KS4 Curriculum handbook subject page

Subject: GCSE English Literature

Syllabus: AQA

What will I learn?

The study of English Literature at GCSE level enables you to develop your critical thinking skills and consider texts through a variety of lenses. By studying texts from different time periods, genre, and from different cultures, students are able to consider the writer's intention and choices in a thoughtful and perceptive manner.

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed via two exam papers

Literature Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel – we study Romeo and Juliet and The strange case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

Literature Paper 2: Modern Texts and Poetry – we study An Inspector Calls, Power and Conflict Anthology, and there is also an unseen poetry section on this paper.

The GCSE grade is 100% exam based.

How will this prepare me for my next steps?

The skills developed during GCSE English Literature allow students to thrive at sixth form and college because they have the ability to read analytically and write extensively. It provides a solid foundation for all next steps. Very often, a high grade for GCSE English Literature is required for A Level courses, especially Psychology, Law, Philosophy, Sociology. For students considering medicine as a future option, a high English GCSE grade is required for University applications.

Contribution to UTC/Studio aims

The study of English develops students' literacy skills on a daily basis. It is our aim that all students will possess the literacy skills to be successful in their future and for it never to be a barrier.

Careers/job ideas

Studying English can give you a whole host of exciting career options that include:

- Teacher
- College, University lecturer
- Journalist
- Lawyer