

A Level English Literature

Subject Leader: Miss K. Elkins **Exam Board:** WJEC

Desirable GCSE's: English Literature (C grade and above)

Essential GCSE's: English Language (C grade and above)

Course Aims: The WJEC GCE AS and A Level in English literature encourages learners to develop their interest in and enjoyment of literature and literary studies.

Course Outline:

AS (2 Units)

Unit 1: Prose and Drama (closed-book)

Written examination: 2 hours

20% of qualification

Section A: Prose fiction pre-1900- Thomas Hardy, *Mayor of Casterbridge*

Section B: Drama- Tennessee

Williams, *A Streetcar Named Desire*

Unit 2: Poetry Post 1900 (open book, clean copy)

Written examination: 2 hours

20% of qualification

Ted Hughes, *Poems selected by Simon Armitage* and Sylvia Plath: *Poems selected by Ted Hughes*

Section A: Critical Analysis

Section B: Poetry Comparison

A2 (3 Units)

Unit 3: Poetry pre-1900 and Unseen

Poetry (open book, clean copy)

Written examination: 2 hours

20% of qualification

Section A: Poetry pre-1900- Christina Rossetti, *Selected Poems*

Section B: Unseen Poetry- Candidates will write a comparative analysis of two poems not previously studied.

Unit 4: Shakespeare (closed book)

Written examination: 2 hours

20% of qualification

The Tempest

Section A: Shakespeare extract

Section B: Shakespeare essay

Unit 5: Prose Study

Non-examination assessment 20% of qualification

One 2500 - 3500-word assignment based on the reading of two prose texts from different periods, one pre-2000 and one post-2000, nominated by the centre.

Career Opportunities and Progression:

This specification provides a suitable foundation for the study of English literature or a related area through a range of higher education courses, progression to the next level of vocational qualifications or employment. In addition, this specification provides a coherent, satisfying and worthwhile course of study for learners who do not progress to further study in this subject.