English Literature A Level

Subject Leader: Ms Tiplady

Syllabus: Edexcel English Literature

Course Specification: 9ETO

Course Information
Admission to the course is dependent on achieving a minimum of 5 GCSEs grades 9–5 including Maths grade 5 and English Literature grade 6.

Year 1 Study
Students will complete the following components of study during the first year:

Component 1: Drama
Students will study a tragedy drama by Shakespeare exploring the use of literary and dramatic devices, how meanings are shaped through the text, significant contextual factors and critical interpretations.
Students will study a post-1900 drama exploring the use of literary and dramatic devices, how meanings are shaped through the text and significant contextual factors.
Component 2: Prose
Students will study two thematically linked texts exploring links and connections between the texts and the contexts in which they were written and received.
Component 3: Poetry
Students will study a selection of poems within a literary period developing knowledge about poetic style and the contexts in which they were written and received.
Component 4:
Students will apply their literary reading skills and independent research skills to two chosen texts.

Year 2 Study
Students will complete the following components of study during the first year:

Component 1: Drama
Students will study a tragedy drama by Shakespeare exploring the use of literary and dramatic devices, how meanings are shaped through the text, significant contextual factors and critical interpretations.
Students will study a post-1900 drama exploring the use of literary and dramatic devices, how meanings are shaped through the text and significant contextual factors.
Component 2: Prose
Students will study two thematically linked texts exploring links and connections between the texts and
the contexts in which they were written and received.
Component 3: Poetry
Students will study a selection of contemporary poems and apply their knowledge of poetic style comparing an unseen poem with an example of studied poetry.
Students will study a selection of poems within a literary period developing knowledge about poetic style and the contexts in which they were written and received.
Component 4:
Students will apply their literary reading skills and independent research skills to two chosen texts.

Assessment
Students will be assessed throughout the course through practice essays, mid-year and mock exams to monitor progress. These assessments for Components 1, and 3 do not count towards the final grade which are externally assessed through exams in the summer term. Component 4 is internally assessed and externally moderated.

Teaching and Learning
Students will develop their skills in responding to and evaluating texts, drawing on their understanding of contexts and critical interpretations. Students are expected to communicate effectively, both orally and in written form, their knowledge, understanding and evaluation of texts using concepts and terminology.

Independent Study
Students are expected to read widely and independently the set texts and additional texts that they have selected for themselves. Students are expected to explore the contexts of texts they are reading and wider interpretations. Home Learning is set as six hours a week.

Future Pathways
A Level English Literature is a subject that many universities require students to have to get onto many degree courses. The A Level English Literature course prepares students for progression to undergraduate study, enabling them to enter a range of academic and vocational careers and provides a strong background and progression pathway.

