

# ENGLISH LITERATURE

## AT ADVANCED LEVEL ( A/S AND A2 )

Our Course: EDEXCEL

### Summary of Unit Content

#### First Year

**AS: Unit 1: 2 hour paper external examination**

**Explorations in Prose and Poetry**

AS Prose and poetry, including texts from 1800 to 1945

- One prescribed selection of poetry
- One prescribed core literary heritage novel and one further novel or novella

Section A: unseen poetry or unseen prose, short answer response

Section B: poetry essay response

Section C: prose essay response

Clean copies of the prescribed examination texts must be used in the examination.

**Unit 2: 2000 words maximum coursework (internally assessed/externally moderated)**

**Explorations in Drama**

- AS Shakespeare and drama, including plays from 1300 to 1800
- Free choice of Shakespeare and other texts

#### Second Year

**A2: Unit 3: 2½ hour external examination:**

**Interpretations of Prose and Poetry**

A2 Prose and poetry, including texts published after 1990

- These prescribed texts from a choice of six, including at least one text published after 1990, and must also include prose and poetry.

Section A: unprepared prose or poetry

Section B: analytical essay

Clean copies of the prescribed examination texts must be used in the examination.

**Unit 4: 2500 words maximum coursework (internally assessed/externally moderated)**

**Reflections in Literary Studies**

A2 Poetry, prose or drama for independent study

- Free choice of texts

Either one extended study, or two shorter studies, or a creative response with a commentary.

**Aptitudes, skills or qualities you will need:-**

We are looking for success in GCSE English Literature, and would expect you already to possess or to be willing to develop the following skills:

- Spoken and written fluency
- Communication skills
- Analytical skills
- Personal organisation
- Commitment
- Love of reading
- Research skills

**Value of the subject for higher education and future careers:-**

- ❖ Enhances your ability to express yourself fluently and confidently in interviews.
- ❖ Combines well with a range of other subjects.
- ❖ Inspires respect as an 'intellectual' A Level with a high degree of specialist subject knowledge.
- ❖ Provides a good foundation for any career involving reading, writing or speaking: journalism, advertising or teaching (to name but a few).