

Syllabus: AQA - ENGLISH LITERATURE 8702

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What we aim to do

English Literature will allow all students to experience a wide range of texts (novels, plays, poetry) from different times and cultures. They will come to understand why Shakespeare matters, how language and ideas have changed and remained constant over time and how modern writers are just as influenced by the times they live in.

What we study

In class you will study poetry, a Shakespeare play, a modern and 19th Century novel, either as a whole class, in small groups or independently. You will write notes in your copies of the text, practice exam-style assessments and respond critically to the texts we are studying.

Skills needed

KS3 reading, writing, and speaking and listening skills are built on.

How your work will be assessed

Everyone will sit two examinations for English Literature. These are closed text examinations where students will be required to remember quotations from all the four texts studied to succeed.

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th Century novel

Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry

What this subject can lead to when you finish Year 11 at The Hollyfield School

You need at least a grade 4 in English Literature at GCSE in order to get onto a level three course in the Sixth Form with some courses requiring a minimum grade 6.

Possible careers

A good GCSE grade in English is an essential requirement for almost all courses in higher education and will open the door to many future careers. English is used widely in many careers and therefore it is a qualification that is highly valued by employers.

English is a foundation for many university courses:

Literature, Media, Linguistics, Journalism, PR, Marketing, Advertising, Law

Additional information/special requirements

Everyone studies English Literature

Relevant website links for further information on the course/subject

[Specification](#)

[Careers advice](#)

