

**Subject: English Literature**

**Qualification: GCSE**

**Exam Board: AQA**

**Specification Code: 8702**



### **Who is the course for?**



This course is compulsory for all students to encourage learners to develop knowledge and skills in reading, writing and critical thinking. Through literature, students have a chance to develop culturally and to acquire knowledge of the very best that has been thought and written. Studying GCSE English Literature encourages students to read widely for pleasure, and is also preparation for studying literature at a higher level.

### **What will I learn?**

- To read a range of intriguing, fictional prose genres that are drawn from a body of literary heritage and contemporary texts
- To read (post 1945) texts; respond to global literature; study Shakespeare, English literary heritage texts and poetry
- Students will demonstrate that they can read with insight, showing analytical interpretative skills
- Students will read texts, which include post-1914 prose fiction and drama. The chosen text is: "An Inspector Calls" by J B Priestley.

### **How will I be assessed?**



All assessments are closed book

**Paper 1** - Shakespeare and the 19th Century novel. Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes. 64 marks. 40% of GCSE (Texts: Romeo and Juliet & A Christmas Carol)

**Paper 2** - Modern texts and poetry. Written exam: 2 hours 15 minutes. 96 marks. 60% GCSE (Texts: An Inspector Calls, AQA Anthology Poetry- Power & Conflict)

### **How can I progress with this qualification?**

