

## CORE SUBJECT

## QUALIFICATION

WJEC EDUQAS GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE

## PERIODS PER WEEK IN YEAR 11

5 COMBINED WITH ENGLISH LANGUAGE

## HOME LEARNING EXPECTATION

**TWO HOURS** PER WEEK OF FOCUSED RESEARCH OR RESPONSES TO TEXTS PLUS READING

## THE COURSE

Studying English Literature helps **sharpen, develop and focus** your analytical skills.

If you can read: a book, poem or play, find the themes; connect them to other texts and set it all in historical context, then you are showing that you can handle complex ideas and search for patterns; skills that are useful across a diverse range of careers. These skills can also be used far beyond the world of work.

You are faced with 100s of advertisements and messages every day that you need to **deconstruct** and decide if they are reliable and relevant. Through your study of English Literature, you will learn to be critical of what you read and gain knowledge of history, culture, philosophy and even human behaviour.

We also hope that you will develop a lifelong love of reading.

Whilst studying Literature, the faculty organises trips to visit theatre performances of the texts studied or organises for theatre productions to visit the Academy. Our aim is to bring literature to life, relating the texts we study to the world around us.

## WHAT YOU STILL STUDY

### ASSESSMENT

GCSE English Literature

- **Unit 1 : Shakespeare and Poetry since 1789 to the present day** 2 Hr Exam
- **Unit 2 : Post 1914 Drama - Play; 19<sup>th</sup> Century Creative Prose and Poetry** 2 ½ Hr Exam

### What key skills will you develop?

- Analytical Skills
- Close Reading
- Reading for meaning
- Awareness of how writers write.
- Communication Skills

### **What careers will this subject help prepare you for?**

- Editor
- Lawyer
- PR Executive
- Author
- Scientist
- Architect
- Web Designer
- Marketing Executive
- Business Management
- Civil Service
- Social Work
- **Teacher**

### **LINK TO FURTHER STUDY AND CAREERS**

**UNIVERSITY COURSES IN:** MEDIA; PUBLISHING; TEACHING

### **USEFUL RESOURCES**

ACCESS TO A WIDE RANGE OF READING OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDING WE