



### **What the course will involve:**

Studying for this specification encourages you to develop interest in and enjoyment of English Literature, through reading widely, critically and independently, across centuries, genre and gender and through experience of an extensive range of views about texts and how to read them.

The course follows a four module format. Two are completed for AS Level and two for A2 Level.

Coursework is a requirement for both AS and A2. AS starts with a coursework module looking at dramatic genres (currently tragedy). Poetry and prose are addressed in the examined unit. The synoptic assessment unit tests all the skills acquired throughout the course and is based on pre-released material.

**Exam Board: AQA**

# AS and A Level English Literature

## **Assessment -**

The quality of written communication is assessed in all units.

## **AS Level**

Aspects of Narrative: Two novels, plus poetry anthology studied for written exam (60%)

Dramatic Genres: Two plays studied, two coursework essays of 1200-1500 words each (40%)

**A2 Level** Two units; one looks at student's wider reading and critical understanding, while the other looks at texts from a specific literary movement (for example, Gothic).

## **What the course can lead to -**

Continuing Education - English Literature is a subject which can enhance the quality of an individual's life. It is an enjoyable subject to study at degree level. It is also highly regarded in professions which require critical skills and good communication.

Careers - Journalism, Social Science, Languages, Lecturing, Publishing and advertising. In fact, apart from these specific examples there are many careers that value an ability to manipulate effectively both spoken and written forms of communication.



## **Entry Requirements -**

You will be expected to have at least a grade B at GCSE, preferably in both English and English Literature. You will need to have a genuine interest in Literature and be committed to the independent study and research required for success in this course.