



GCE English Literature

Course: **AQA - GCE English Literature spec A**

Length of Course: **2 Years**

Number of lessons per week: **6**

Entry Qualifications: **Five Grades 9-5 at GCSE level including English Grade 6**

Assessment: **Two terminal exam papers and coursework essay**

This course, spread across two years, allows students to read and respond to a wide range of texts. Students are encouraged to develop as critical, analytical readers, able to present personal interpretations of the texts being studied. In the second year of the course, students are able to pursue their own interests in literature, choosing at least one of the texts required to complete component 3, the non-exam assessment.

COURSE CONTENT :

Component 1 : Love Through the Ages - students study a range of texts throughout time unified by their exploration of the theme of love. The texts will include a Shakespeare play – currently Othello, a wide range of love poetry and prose texts which explore love relationships.

Component 2: Texts in Shared Contexts : Modern Times – Literature from 1945 to the present day. This component will involve the study of prose, poetry and a drama text. As students study these texts they will engage with some of the social, cultural, political and personal issues that have shaped the lives of those living in the latter part of the 20th century and the early part of the 21st century.

Component 3: Texts across Time : Students will compare two texts and write a coursework essay of around 2,500 words.

