

Course Title:	<b>English Literature</b>
Title of qualification to be gained (if any):	GCSE
Awarding Body (if any):	Edexcel
Essential materials: Writing equipment	

<b>Course Aims</b>
To read a wide range of classic literature fluently, with good understanding, making connections across reading. To read critically and so they are able to discuss and explain their understanding and ideas. To read widely and often. To appreciate the depth and power of the English literary heritage. To write accurately, effectively and analytically about their reading, using Standard English. To acquire and use a wide vocabulary, including grammatical terminology, and other literary and linguistic terms they need to criticise and analyse what they read.
<b>Course Description</b>
Teaching will focus on the study of whole texts (poetry), developing students' comprehension, critical reading and analytical skills, and their ability to write with clarity and coherence using accurate Standard English. Wider reading of literary texts will also be encouraged to help students develop their skills.  Students will be prepared to compare language, structure, form and contextual features of two poems from the anthology. Teachers will ensure that students are aware of the context in which the poems were written and the influence this context may have had on the poems. Teachers may choose to use the examples of contemporary poetry from any collection to help prepare their students for the unseen poetry task. Students will also read poems beyond the anthology. Students will need to be able to analyse the ideas, language, form and structure of two unseen poems and compare them.
<b>Main topics covered</b>
Shakespeare and Post-1914  Literature 19th-century Novel and Poetry since 178
<b>Learning Outcomes</b>
By the end of the course learners will be able to:  This course will enrich their cultural awareness through the study of literary heritage texts as well as provide a strong foundation for further academic and vocational study and for employment. This in turn will help students progress to a full range of courses in further and higher education.

**Teaching and learning methods used**

Discussion  
Group work  
Reading  
Writing independently  
Individual planned presentations  
Reading news articles  
External visits

**How your work will be assessed**

The course will be assessed through 2 external examinations

**Suggested progression routes**

This qualification prepares students for progression to further study of English Literature at AS and A level and to the study of AS and A level English Language and Literature. These Level 3 qualifications will prepare students for a variety of further progression routes. Students should seek advice about which of these qualifications best prepares them for their intended progression routes. Students can progress from this qualification to Level 3 qualifications in similar disciplines, such as drama, theatre studies, media studies and film studies, and to other qualifications that require literacy skills, knowledge and understanding. This qualification also supports further training, and employment where literacy skills are required.