

English Literature

GCSE

2024 - 2026



Examination Board

AQA - 8702

Core Subject

What will I be studying?

- 'Romeo and Juliet'
- 'A Christmas Carol'
- 'Blood Brothers'
- 15 Assorted Poems - 'Power and Conflict Anthology'
- Unseen Poetry unit

All texts above will be read, studied and considered in their respective contexts. They will also be the basis for learning how to write a clear and structured essay.

How will I be studying?

Students will be guided through the reading and analysis of the texts both in lessons and through homework.

Activities such as annotation, discussion and analysis writing will be used to explore students' ideas, in order to prepare for exams.

Students will be asked to buy or obtain copies of the first three texts listed above.

How will I be assessed?

Two Exam Papers:

1. Paper One: *Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel*:
1hr 45mins
- 'Romeo and Juliet' - students given an extract (unknown before exam) and a question.

- 'A Christmas Carol' - students given an extract (unknown before exam) and a question.

2. Paper Two: *Modern Texts and Poetry*:

2hrs 15mins

- 'Blood Brothers' - students given two questions to choose from and must answer one (no extract provided)

- 'Power and Conflict Anthology' - students given one poem and a comparison question (only provided with one poem – the rest from memory)

- Unseen Poetry – students given two questions, including one about a poem they have never studied and asked to write about it and the other in which they are asked to compare two poems.

Where Next?

Most colleges will require a grade 4 to study beyond GCSE level in most subjects.

Therefore, this qualification can unlock doors to most professions.

In English specifically, this qualification may lead to any of the following:

- **A-Level English Language (Available at Wigston College)**
- **A-Level English Literature (Available at Wigston College)**
- **Further study at university.**