



A Level English Literature

Course: **Edexcel - GCE English Literature**

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 year marks the first of teaching the Edexcel A Level course, where students are offered a broader, more diverse range of literature to study. 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 as well as engaging with critical perspectives. In the second year of the course, students are able to pursue their own interests in literature, choosing texts required to complete the non-exam assessment.

COURSE CONTENT :

Component 1 : Drama - Students will study two Drama texts: one Shakespeare; one other (Streetcar Named Desire). They will be assessed through a single-question exam in which they will compare the two texts.

Component 2: Prose: Students will compare two novels connected by a similar theme: one pre-1900; one post-. They will be assessed through a single-question exam in which they will compare the two texts.

Possible texts include Mrs Dalloway, Wuthering Heights, Tess of the D'Urbervilles

Component 3: Poetry: Students will study a named poet or poetic movement, answering a question on a collection of work. They will also be examined on a taught poetry anthology that will be compared to an unseen poem.

Coursework: Students will write a single comparative, critical essay on two selected texts. These will be decided by the individual student, as will the question. Students will work on this independently with support from their teacher and produce a detailed essay of no more than 3000 words.

