



Qualification Name	English Literature
Exam Board	AQA
Type (e.g. GCSE/BTEC Certificate)	GCSE
GLH (Guided Learning Hours)	
Course Content Outline (What Will I study?)	GCSE English Literature allows you to experience a wide variety of Literature with texts from contemporary and modern texts, texts from across the globe and texts that have had a significant influence on our English literary and cultural heritage. Over the course, you will respond to Shakespeare, the English Literary Heritage and to poetry. You will follow Route A which means that Shakespeare and the English Literary Heritage are internally assessed through Controlled Assessments and poetry is externally assessed through an exam.
Typical Lesson/Homework Activities. (How will I study?)	Your lessons for Literature will be focused around the close reading of texts. This can be done individually, in small groups or as a whole class. Activities that are completed in class relate to the close reading. These activities range from essay responses to diary entries and stories. Your lessons will also feature a considerable amount of Speaking and Listening as talking about the texts is sometimes the best way of explaining what they mean. Homework activities are set for your class teacher to be able to assess how well you are understanding the work in class. Extended study could be to read a chapter in preparation for a lesson so it must be completed in order to fully participate in class.
Success Criteria (How will I be assessed?)	Unit 1: Exploring modern texts (External examination = 40% of total marks) In this unit, you will study a play (currently <i>An Inspector Calls</i>), followed by a text from another culture (currently <i>Of Mice and Men</i>). Unit 2: Poetry across time (External examination = 35% of total marks) In this unit, you will study a set of poetry prior to the examination and then answer one question about the poetry in the exam. Alongside this, you will be expected to analyse and answer a question on an unseen poem. Unit 3: The significance of Shakespeare and the English Literary Heritage (Internally assessed = 25% of total marks) This unit is an extended Controlled Assessment. You will study a Shakespeare play and then compare it to a text from the English Literary Heritage (a collection of poems). You will have four hours in class in order to write their answer to a prescribed question.
Succession Paths Post-16 (What can I do with this qualification?)	English Literature will allow you to access many post-16 courses. It demonstrates your ability to write essays, to explore texts and to be independent learners. English Literature is useful for any career that requires you to read and write. Basically, all careers!