

# English Literature

## Exam Board: WJEC

If you enjoyed reading and studying 'Romeo and Juliet', 'To Kill a Mocking Bird' or 'An Inspector Calls' (to name but a few) then this course gives you the opportunity to develop further your enjoyment and appreciation of a wide range of texts from Chaucer onwards, representing different times, cultures and countries. You will develop the skills needed to:

- Communicate clearly and effectively.
- Gain detailed understanding of the ways writers communicate.
- Form independent opinions and judgements.
- Explore connections and comparisons between texts.
- Examine the ways texts reflect the culture, history and society of their times;
- Respond creatively to what you have read.
- Respond to critical opinions on texts

### Minimum Entry Requirements

- A minimum of 6 A\* to C grades at GCSE, with **B** grades in both English Language or English Literature.

If you have any queries, please contact Ms R Douglas (Head of Faculty).

### The AS course

- A modern play such as 'Doctor Faustus' by Christopher Marlowe.
- A pairing of contemporary poets such as Plath and Hughes or Heaney and Sheers.
- A classic novel such as 'Sense and Sensibility' or 'Jane Eyre' or 'The Mayor of Casterbridge'.

### Unit 1: Prose and Drama 1 (AS Level 50% / A Level 20%)

### Unit 2: Poetry Post-1900 (AS Level 50% / A Level 20%)

### The A2 course

- The work of a major poet such as Chaucer, Donne or Rossetti.
- A play by Shakespeare such as 'The Tempest' or 'King Lear'.
- Non exam assessment based on the reading of two prose texts by different authors.

### Unit 3: Poetry pre-1900 (A Level 20%)

### Unit 4: Shakespeare (A Level 20%)

### Unit 5: Prose Study (A Level 20%)

### Progression Routes

Most universities offer a wide variety of English courses, both as single honours and in combination with other disciplines such as History, Politics, Law, American/European Studies, Media, Drama, Journalism, Modern languages, Social Sciences and Linguistics to name but a few.

### Career Opportunities

English Literature has long been highly regarded by universities, colleges and employers for the analytical and communication skills it helps develop, proving useful for careers in the media, public relations, advertising, law, personnel, management and social services/sciences.