

# English Literature

## Exam Board: AQA

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grades C or above in *both* English and English Literature GCSEs.

### COURSE STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

Two units are studied in Year 13 for AS Level and an two additional units are studies in Year 14 for A2.

### YOU WILL STUDY

#### ***Unit 1: LITB1***      **Aspects of Narrative**

- ◆ Four texts for study: two novels (at least one post 1990) and two poetry texts 1800 – 1945. The paper has two sections. Candidates answer one question from each section

#### ***Unit 2: LITB2***      **Dramatic Genres**

- ◆ Minimum of two texts for study within dramatic genre of tragedy. A portfolio of two pieces of written coursework (one may be re-creative) each 1200 – 1500 words.

#### ***Unit 3: LITB3***      **Texts and Genres**

- ◆ Minimum three texts for study including at least one text 1300 – 1800. Candidates choose one topic area for study: Elements of the Gothic, or Elements of the Pastoral. For each topic there will be two sections. Candidates answer one question from each section.

*Available January and June*

## ***Unit 4: LITB4***

## **Further and Independent Reading**

- ◆ Minimum of three texts for study including one pre-released anthology of critical material. A portfolio of two pieces of written coursework: comparative study of an aspect of two texts (1500 – 2000 words); an application of an aspect of pre-released critical anthology to a literary text (1200 – 1500 words)

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### **YOU WILL BE ASSESSED IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS**

#### **AS Level:**

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| One 2 hour open book examination  | (60%) |
| Coursework—a portfolio of two pieces of written coursework each 1200–1500 words | (40%) |

#### **A2 Level:**

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| One two-hour closed book examination  | (60%) |
| Coursework—a portfolio of 2 pieces of written coursework.   | (20%) |
| One comparative study (1500 – 2000 words) and one application of an aspect of pre-released critical anthology to a literary text (1200–1500 words). | (20%) |