

## OCR ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

### Assessment Method

Three examinations in Year 13 80%; Non Examined Assessment (coursework) 20%.

### Why Should I Follow This Course?

If you enjoy reading a wide range of texts, not just Literature, and would like to develop your knowledge and understanding of English Language, as well as your skills of analysis and creative writing, then this course is a great option. We study an anthology of written and spoken texts, a novel (*The Great Gatsby*), a collection of poetry (*Duffy's Rapture*)- and a play (*Shakespeare's Othello*), as well as a wide range of supplementary texts. We also aim to develop your writing skills in a creative context. English language and Literature is a popular course and for a good reason! The course is varied, enjoyable and engaging and the skills you develop over the course will help you in any chosen career.

Because of the strong focus on critical analysis and interpretation, as well as the focus on developing writing skills, this course has an excellent record of helping students succeed within both higher education and the workplace.

### What Will I Learn?

During Year 12 you will begin studying the anthology, and start to get to grips with new terminology. You will also practice your creative writing skills and begin study of the novel and the poetry collection. Creative writing takes many forms and you will be introduced to a range of journalistic writing such as blogs and articles as well as fictional forms. In year 13 you will begin studying the play and undertake coursework which requires you to produce your own piece of creative writing and an analysis of two texts of your choice. This aspect of the course allows you to focus on your own particular areas of interest as you choose your own texts for study and your own coursework question. You also choose your own genre of creative writing so you get to study and produce texts that you genuinely enjoy while also becoming independent!

You will learn techniques and technical terms associated with the analysis of English Language, applying them to a range of spoken and written texts.

### What Teaching and Learning Methods Will Be Used?

Learning will be achieved by attending lessons which will always involve lots of discussion to help you develop your understanding and viewpoint. There are lots of opportunities for individual, group and whole class work as well as teacher led activities. You will also have individual tutorials with your teacher, for example when planning coursework and you will also learn through the use of online materials and technology. There will also be opportunities for you to deliver presentations to other members of the group which will help you to improve your skills of communication and ICT skills. There is a mature, fun ethos in the classroom environment.

### Where Will This Qualification Take Me?

The course will prove to be an asset should you wish to study any variety of subjects at university, for example: Law, Journalism, Humanities and Education or specialist subjects such as Linguistics. This A Level is highly regarded by all universities and every year students who have studied this course go on to prestigious universities such as Warwick and Birmingham. If you are not thinking of doing a degree or you are looking beyond this, English Language and Literature can help you gain an apprenticeship or a career in a wide range of fields such as journalism, the police, politics, business and sales: the sky's the limit! All careers welcome English as a subject, which develops communication skills. It is a particularly useful subject to study if you have an interest in following a career in journalism, the media, the law, writing, publishing or teaching. The course also has a cultural value as we study texts from a range of different cultures and historical periods.