**OCR English Literature A LEVEL**

**WHAT WILL I STUDY AT A LEVEL?**

**Paper 1 Drama and Poetry Pre-1900 (40%)**

Assessed by examination – 2 hours 30 minutes.

Closed book.

**Section A** A two-part question on a Shakespeare play (Twelfth Night,

The Tempest or Hamlet.) One question is extract based, one

question is about the text as a whole.

**Section B** A comparison of one drama text with one work of poetry

based on a theme (A Doll’s House compared to the

poetry of Christina Rossetti or An Ideal Husband

compared to The Merchant’s Tale.)

**Paper 2 Comparative study of Dystopian Fiction (40%)**

Assessed by examination – 2 hours 30 minutes.

Section A A close analysis of an unseen dystopian fiction extract.

Section B A comparative essay on The Handmaid’s Tale and Nineteen

Eighty-Four.

**Non-examined Unit (20%)**

**Task 1** A critical close analysis of modern poetry from a poet of your

choice.

**Task 2** A comparative essay on a play (A Streetcar Named Desire

Or The History Boys) and a novel (Breakfast at Tiffany’s or The

Prime of Miss Jean Brodie)

**WHAT SKILLS WILL I NEED?**

You will be expected to read independently around the subject and make notes to enhance your understanding of the work completed in class. It will also be necessary to engage actively in the lessons, contributing your own interpretations as well as taking on board the ideas of others. It is essential that you enjoy reading as the course will require you to read a variety of texts, both fiction and non-fiction.

**WHAT ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES AFTER A LEVEL?**

You will learn and use a wide variety of transferrable skills during the course. These skills are in great demand to employers, universities and colleges and are also valuable in their own right. English Language and Literature can be studied separately as a single subject in Higher Education or combined with a wide variety of other subjects. It could form an excellent basis for study in any arts-based subject in combination with, for example, history, media studies, philosophy, law, politics or languages.

**WHAT ARE THE COURSE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?**

Students need to achieve a grade 6 or above in GCSE English Literature and English Language.

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