



ENGLISH LITERATURE

GCE AS LEVEL

GCE A2 LEVEL

EXAMINATION BOARD: AQA

SPECIFICATION CODE: 2740 (1741 – AS AWARD), (2741 – A2 AWARD)

WHY TAKE THIS COURSE?

As a core arts subject English teaches the necessary skills for a wide range of degree courses and is highly regarded by universities. English complements many other Advanced Level subjects and is essential for those wishing to pursue a career in the media, journalism, law and public service.

AIMS OF THE COURSE

- ◆ To stimulate interest and enjoyment in a wide range of literature both past and present.
- ◆ To develop skills of argument and expression.
- ◆ To build skills of independent research and independent thinking.

COURSE STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

The course follows a modular structure with two modules at AS and two more at A2. Six tests in total are studied at each level, three in detail, and three as wider reading.

AS Unit 1 – Texts in Context: *The Struggle for Modern Identity*

Two hours written examination, focusing on set poetry text and wider reading. Open book.

AS Unit 2 – Creative Study: *Coursework Folder 2,000/2,500 words*

Follows on from Unit 1 area of study but focus of texts is on prose and drama. The folder must contain two pieces, one a creative interpretation and one an analytical study.

A2 Unit 3 (2 modules) – Reading for Meaning: *Love Through the Ages*

Two hours written examination, involving unprepared extracts and wider reading (closed book) plus a piece of extended coursework.

ASSESSMENT

Assessment is by examination and optional coursework.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To be accepted on the Advanced level course a student should have at least 5 GCSEs at grades A* - C. Students wishing to take Advanced Level English Literature should have achieved at least GCSE grade C and preferably a B grade in both English and English Literature. It may be possible for students to take the course if these requirements are not fulfilled following discussion with staff.