SUBJECT: English Language + Literature

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT: S FORD	SYLLABUS NUMBER: 8702

SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT

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All students will be entered for the AQA GCSE Syllabus in English Language and English Literature.The Course includes the close reading and analysis of texts from a wide range of genres and periods. Some of the texts studied will include: a modern text, a Shakespeare play, an anthology of poetry and texts from the nineteenth century.

Students will be expected to write in a variety of forms, for different purposes and audiences. They will complete exams within both courses.

Students will be assessed in a range of oral tasks, which will include group, pair and individual activities.

RESOURCES

There are various text books available in the department for use at Key Stage 4. All students will study a number of set texts. These will include: poetry, prose and drama. The exam board requires that students have an unannotated text in the exam which the school will provide - students are asked to purchase their own copy for work during the course.

SETTING ARRANGEMENTS

Students are taught in half year groups. In each year there are 5 sets. The arrangement of sets is broadly hierarchical.

ASSESSMENT

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Assessment will be through a variety of examined units. In GCSE English Language students will take two exams. The first paper engages students in a creative text and inspires them to write creatively. The second paper develops insights into how writers have particular viewpoints. In GCSE English Literature students take two exams. Paper 1 is based on a Shakespeare play and a nineteenth century novel. Paper 2 explores a modern text and a variety of poems.

SELF STUDY ADVICE

The more successful candidates will use the drafting process properly and take full advantage of the teacher input available. We recommend various GCSE revision sites such as http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/english/

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Theatre trips are arranged, where possible, if a relevant play is being performed.
Pupils have the opportunity to attend “Poetry Live” at which poets from the English and English Literature syllabus perform their poetry.