



ENGLISH LITERATURE

What will you study during the course?

The English Literature course allows you to study a wide variety of set texts from different periods. All Literature courses include the following: Shakespeare, a 19th century novel, a modern dramatic or prose text, and a wide variety of poetry. You will have the opportunity to study the texts closely and explore literary and historical contexts. You will also be expected to explore audience and reader responses to a variety of texts.

How will the course be taught?

You will be placed in bands at the end of Year 9 based on your prior attainment and teachers' professional recommendations. All students will have the opportunity to change set during their GCSE course depending on their level of progress during Year 10 and 11.

You will have seven lessons a fortnight on your timetable allocated to English Language and English Literature combined. Some students are allocated one extra English lesson a fortnight in small groups to support their studies.

How will your work be assessed?

The examination board is AQA. You will sit two papers at the end of Year 11, the first paper lasting 1 hour 45 minutes long and the other 2 hours 15 minutes. Each paper consists of two parts so that half of each paper is dedicated to each text studied during the two-year course. The shorter paper is worth 40% of your Literature GCSE and the longer paper is worth 60%.

The table below outlines the exam structure for the course:

Paper 1	Shakespeare: <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	19 th Century novel: most students study <i>Jekyll and Hyde</i> , some study <i>A Christmas Carol</i>
Paper 2	Modern texts: <i>An Inspector Calls</i>	Poetry: there is an exam board anthology which is studied, and two questions on unseen poetry

Where can it lead?

In English you will learn to read, think and write critically and creatively in a range of forms and for different purposes and audiences. As a result, you will develop transferable skills which can lead to a wide range of careers in various sectors and industries.

In order to continue on to A-Level at Charters, you will need to achieve a grade 7 if you wish to study the English Literature course, or a grade 6 to study the Language and Literature A-Level.