



# Workington Academy - Sixth Form

## Subject: English Literature

### Why you should study English Literature

This course is for students who enjoy reading and wish to develop critical reading skills and the analysis and evaluation of a wide range of Literature texts.

### Examination Board: AQA

### Course Content

#### AS English Literature

Students will study towards two examinations at the end of the academic year. They will study four texts in total.

#### A2 English Literature

This course is designed to build on the skills learned in the AS qualification. Students will study towards two examinations at the end of the academic year and complete 2 essays to complete the non-exam component. They will study eight texts in total.

### Assessment: AS Level

#### Paper 1: Literary Genres: Drama

This may be on 'Aspects of Tragedy' or 'Aspects of Comedy'

Students will study one Shakespeare play and one further drama text. This makes up 50% of the AS level.

#### Paper 2: Literary Genres: Poetry and Prose

Students will study one prose text and one poetry text from the same genre chosen from Paper 1. This makes up 50% of the AS level.

### Assessment: A Level

#### Paper 1: Literary Genres

This may be on 'Aspects of Tragedy' or 'Aspects of Comedy'

Students will study three texts ; one Shakespeare, a second drama text and one further text. This makes up 40% of the A level.

#### Paper 2: Texts and Genres

Choice of two options:

Elements of crime writing

Elements of political and social protest writing

Students will study three texts: one post-2000 prose; one poetry text and one further text which must be written pre-1900

This makes up 40% of the A level.

#### Non-exam assessment:

Students will study three texts: one poetry and one prose text with an additional Critical Anthology and complete two essays, one on each text and linked to the Anthology

This makes up 20% of the A level.



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### **Skills Developed, Progression and Possible Future Careers**

Like many other choices the Study of English Literature does not lead to a specific career path. What it does do is teach you how to analyse complex information with the support of sophisticated theories and ideas. You will learn how to evaluate and consider different possible interpretations of texts as well as develop the ability to communicate these theories and conclusions with confidence – these are skills essential for many types of work.