

# English Language and English Literature



**Qualification: GCSE (grade 9-1)**

English is a popular subject amongst our students and a subject which has celebrated many achievements.

English Language is an essential part of our everyday lives and without it we would not be able to communicate. English will appeal to you if you like reading and exploring a range of authors and genres. You will be able to analyse texts written in the past and present; looking at the ways the authors have used the time they are writing in to influence their ideas and appeal to the reader. In this subject, you will learn about the way others write and explore your own creative writing ability, as well as understanding the developments and variations of the spoken word.

## **Course Content**

The English Language course includes the study and analysis of 19<sup>th</sup> Century, 20<sup>th</sup> Century and 21<sup>st</sup> Century written language, using written language (including writing non-fiction and transactional texts) and creative writing.

The English Literature course includes the study and analysis of Shakespeare (Romeo and Juliet), 20<sup>th</sup> Century Prose (Lord of the Flies), a Poetry Anthology which includes 18 poems, Post 1914 Modern Drama, 19<sup>th</sup> Century Prose and Unseen Poetry.

We follow the GCSE Eduqas exam board for both the English Language and English Literature courses.

## **Assessment**

Students will receive two grades: one English Language grade and one English Literature grade. All students are now assessed by using a numerical grading system of 1 – 9.

During the course of year 9, students will be continuously assessed by their class teacher, and they will also sit mock exams in class at Christmas and Easter.

## **Progression – Sixth Form / Further Education / Careers**

We are a very popular subject at English Literature AS Level, running two AS Level classes for the past three years. Our continuing success at KS5 is reflected in the grades achieved both at AS and A level.