

## Course Overview

GCSE English Literature will give you the chance to explore other worlds, have rich discussions, and enjoy the power of fiction from across the ages to entertain, delight, and intrigue.

You will study a range of classic and modern texts which have been specially chosen to provoke thought about serious issues, particularly social injustice that still exist in our society today.

GCSE Literature is assessed through two exams. Everyone studies the same texts across the two years of study. These texts are from the **Elizabethan, Victorian, and Modern eras**.

## What are the topics I will study?

### Paper 1:

*Macbeth, a tragic play by William Shakespeare*

This tragic play builds on your knowledge of Shakespeare from KS3 and will encourage you to think about key themes of ambition, power and fate.

*A Christmas Carol, a novel by Charles Dickens*

This classic novel will encourage you to think about what it means to be a good member of society and learn how issues from the nineteenth century are still with us today.

### Paper 2:

*An Inspector Calls by J.B. Priestley*

This play is based on a detective story, but with a twist. You will explore the idea of social injustice in twentieth century society, while also learning about how plays can be performed.

*Power and Conflict Poetry Anthology by a variety of authors*

This collection of famous poems from across the ages will give you the chance to learn about different poets and discuss how war and conflict has changed lives across the centuries.

*Unseen Poetry*

This topic will test your analytical skills and your knowledge of poetic techniques.

## What skills and knowledge will I develop?

You will continue to develop your knowledge of literature as well as your analytical writing skills. You will become adept at interpreting evidence and making academic arguments.

### Further reading

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### Qualification Details

- **Qualification:** GCSE
- **Exam board:** AQA
- Included in the EBACC award

### Assessment Pathway

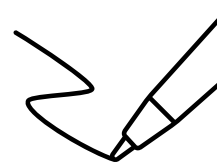
100% examination: 2 exams  
Paper 1 and Paper 2

### Possible careers:

- Journalist
- Speech writer
- Solicitor
- Barrister
- Copywriter
- Civil Servant
- Novelist
- Poet
- Comedian
- TV or film script writer
- Grant writer or fundraiser
- Local Councillor
- Politician
- Researcher

### Employability Skills:

- **Problem Solving:** The ability to find a solution to a situation or challenge.
- **Aiming High:** The ability to set clear, tangible goals and devise a robust route to achieving them.



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