



Harmonize Academy

Subject Overview

English Literature



Year 11 English Literature is designed to prepare students for their final WJEC Eduqas GCSE exams. Across the year, students will study a range of texts (poetry, prose, Shakespeare, and modern drama) and practise the skills needed to succeed in closed-book exams.

They will develop:

- Confidence in reading and responding to a wide range of texts.
- Skills in analysis, interpretation, and evaluation.
- The ability to write clearly, accurately, and with evidence to support their ideas

How do we deliver the English Literature curriculum?

Year 11 English Literature – Student & Parent Guide

Autumn Term

Poetry Anthology & Unseen Poetry (40%)

- Study 18 anthology poems, focusing on language, structure, and themes.
- Learn how to compare and contrast poems.
- Practise analysing unseen poems.
- Skills: personal responses, quotation use, context, and poetic terminology.

19th Century Prose: A Christmas Carol (20%)

- Study Dickens' novella, exploring Victorian attitudes, themes, and characters.
- Analyse key extracts and practise essay responses.
- Skills: quotation use, understanding context, and structured essay writing.

Spring Term

Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet (20%)

- Explore themes, characters, and key scenes.
- Analyse Shakespeare's language and dramatic techniques.
- Practise essay responses to extract-based and whole-text questions.

Post-1914 Drama: An Inspector Calls (20%)

- Study Priestley's play, focusing on characters, themes, and social/political messages.
- Analyse extracts and practise essay writing.
- Skills: critical evaluation, writing with clarity, and linking to context.

Summer Term

Assessments

- Component 1 – 40% (2 hours):
 - Section A: Shakespeare (Romeo & Juliet) – extract and essay.
 - Section B: Poetry Anthology – two questions, one comparative.
- Component 2 – 60% (2 hours 30 minutes):
 - Section A: Post-1914 Drama (An Inspector Calls).
 - Section B: 19th Century Prose (A Christmas Carol).
 - Section C: Unseen Poetry – two questions, one comparative.

Key Skills Developed

- Close reading and analysis.
- Comparing texts and themes.
- Using quotations and evidence.
- Understanding context (historical, social, cultural).
- Writing structured, detailed essays under timed conditions.

Future pathways

Further Study:

- A-Level English Literature, English Language, Drama & Theatre, Media, History, Sociology.
- Vocational pathways where strong reading and communication are essential.

Career Preparation:

Studying Literature develops critical thinking, analysis, empathy, and communication skills valued in many careers, including:

- Law
- Journalism & Media
- Teaching & Education
- Marketing & Business
- Creative Industries (writing, drama, film, theatre)
- Public Services & Politics

Strong English skills are valued by universities, colleges, and employers, making this one of the most important qualifications for future success.