

# ENGLISH LITERATURE

## What is GCSE English Literature all about?

English Literature GCSE involves responding to poetry, drama and prose texts. In line with our beliefs about inclusion and equal opportunities, every key stage four student at Bishop Challoner will study English Literature, regardless of ability.

### CASE STUDY

*George, Year 11*

*In English Literature I have enjoyed learning about the authors and their life that influences their writing.*

*Learning about the societies of past authors and playwrights and the similarities between them has also been an interesting part of the course.*

*I am planning on taking english at A Level as it will help me in my chosen career.*

*Year 9 students should read the books they have on this course and learn to enjoy reading as this will help them.*



Exam (100%)

### Paper 1 – Shakespeare and the 19th century novel

You will have the opportunity to delve into one of the Bard's most famous plays namely, 'Romeo and Juliet'.

You will be taught Shakespeare using an active approach and the department very much subscribes to the 'Stand up for Shakespeare' philosophy. Wherever possible, this will be complemented by enjoying watching the play at the RSC or Shakespeare's Globe (subject to availability).

In addition, rather than focusing on American texts (which previous cohorts tended to do) you will have the chance to study one the most famous novels ever written: Mary Shelley's 'Frankenstein'.

### Paper 2 – Modern texts and poetry

To give you the full scope of English Literature, after reading one of the classics, you will also have the opportunity to read a text that is more modern. You will read the murder mystery, 'An Inspector Calls' by J B Priestley.

In addition, you will also study an anthology of poems exploring the theme of power and conflict.

Why not get a head start in your GCSEs, ask for one of these books as a birthday present and start reading it now!?

**EXAMINATION BOARD:** AQA (8702)

**ASSESSMENT DETAILS:** Examination 100%

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