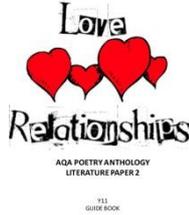
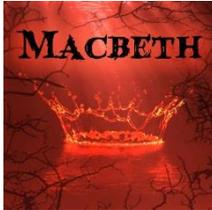




St Gregory the Great Catholic School – Secondary Phase

ENGLISH LITERATURE (KS4)

Examination Board: AQA GCSE English Literature



Course Description:

The course requires students to work towards 2 examinations: Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel (Paper 1) and Modern Texts and Poetry (Paper 2). In Paper 1, students respond to an extract of the texts they have studied. Paper 2 asks students to complete a variety of essay based tasks, from responding to essay questions to dealing with unseen material. Independent study will involve self-quizzing and recall tasks. This will enable students to secure their knowledge.

Assessment:

This qualification is assessed through two exam papers. Paper one is worth 40% of the final grade and Paper 2 is worth 60%. Both exams assess the full range of skills learnt throughout the course.

Paper 1: Shakespeare & the 19th Century Novel: This paper assesses understanding of William Shakespeare's *Macbeth* and Robert Louis Stevenson's *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr Hyde*. Paper 1 is 1hr 45 minutes long.

Paper 2: Modern Texts and Poetry. This paper assesses understanding of a range of texts studied. In Section A, students are given an essay question on J.B Priestley's *An Inspector Calls*. Section B assesses understanding of the poetry anthology *Love and Relationships*. Students will be asked to write about a printed poem and compare it with another poem they have studied. Finally, students are asked to respond to two questions on unseen poems.

Why Study English Literature?

All students in KS4 are required to study *both* Language and Literature. The Literature course provides an opportunity to study texts that have a cultural, historical and political significance, and are some of the most important texts written. The course also trains students to view written texts in a detailed, critical and analytical way, considering how language is used to create meaning. An ability to analyse written language is an essential skill for many different career paths and further study in almost any discipline.

Further information on GCSE English Language can be obtained from Ms McCabe - Head of English