



St Paul's Catholic School

A LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE

Entry Requirements

Generic A-Level entry requirements plus English Language and English Literature at grade 5.

Two Year Course Specification

Paper 1: Literary Genres: Drama

Choice of two options

Option 1A: Aspects of Tragedy Study of three texts: one Shakespeare text; a second drama text and one further text, of which one must be written pre-1900.

Current texts are:

Shakespeare: Othello

Drama and Pre-1900: Richard II

A further text: The Great Gatsby

Assessed written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes, closed book, 40% of A-level

Questions Section A: One passage-based question on set Shakespeare text (25 marks) Section B: One essay question on set Shakespeare text (25 marks) Section C: One essay question linking two texts (25 marks)

Paper 2: Texts and Genres (Political and Social Protest Writing)

Choice of two options

Option 2A: Elements of Crime Writing OR

Option 2B: Elements of Political Writing

Study of three texts: one post-2000 prose text; one poetry and one further text, one of which must be written pre-1900

Current texts are:

Post 2000 Prose: The Kite Runner

One Poetry: William Blake

Further and pre-1900 text: A Doll's House

Assessed written exam: 3 hours, open book, 40% of A-level, to include unseen element

Questions Section A: One compulsory question on an unseen passage (25 marks) Section B: One essay question on set text (25 marks) Section C: One essay question which connects two texts (25 marks)

Non Exam Assessment: Theory and Independence

Study of two texts: one poetry and one prose text, informed by study of the Critical Anthology, two essays of 1250 -1500 words. One essay can be re-creative. The re-creative piece will be accompanied by a commentary. 20% of A level. Assessed by teachers, moderated by AQA

For more information please, contact Miss Warrilow or Mrs Pancholi-Pepper