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Synopsis

The specification takes a skills-based approach to the study of English literature that is consistent across the genres. The range of literature encapsulates a diverse variety that engages students. It fosters a love of reading and helps to develop critical thinking skills.

It offers excellent preparation for AS and A-level English Literature, as well as giving students a grounding in a wide variety of literature that will stay with them for life.



Year 10:

Modern Texts (*An Inspector Calls* or *Blood Brothers*)

Poetry

Shakespeare (*Macbeth* or *Romeo and Juliet*)

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

Year 11: Revise Specification

Structure of the course

Subject name:	English Literature
Exam board:	AQA
Specification number:	8702
Qualification type:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GCSE <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Award <input type="checkbox"/> BTEC
Web address:	http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702
Course content: (please only include a bullet point overview of the topics covered)	<p>Paper 1 Section A: Shakespeare play (<i>Macbeth</i>, <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>)</p> <p>Paper 1 Section B: The 19th c. novel (<i>A Christmas Carol</i>)</p> <p>Paper 2 Section A: Modern Drama or Prose (<i>Blood Brothers</i> or <i>An Inspector Calls</i>)</p> <p>Paper 2 Section B: Conflict and Power or Love and Relationships poetry from AQA Anthologies (provided)</p> <p>Paper 2 Section C: Unseen poetry extract</p>

Assessment: Internal/external. Number and duration of exams.	External Paper 1 – 1 hr 45 mins (40%) Paper 2 – 2 hrs 15 mins (60%)
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Prospective timeline

Students commence the GCSE syllabus in Year 9 in order to fully prepare them for the final examinations at the end of Year 11.

Textbook and revision guide

Due to the wide range of literature delivered, teachers will advise students on which revision guides to purchase.

Further study opportunities

A-level	College
A-Level Literature	Most colleges deliver A-Level English Literature
University	Apprenticeships
The vast majority of universities offer Literature at degree level.	This qualification will help you gain access to any course.

For further information regarding apprenticeships visit:

<http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk>

Further information

If you have any queries regarding the study of English Literature please do not hesitate to contact the Head of Subject, Mrs Glynn-Cobbett D.Glynn-Cobbett@cardinalgriffin.staffs.sch.uk