

# ENGLISH LITERATURE

## WJEC A LEVEL

This two-year course aims to develop the students' analytical skills with regards to literature. Throughout each unit the students will improve their written expression, as well as their ability to understand difficult literary concepts and content. They will build on the skills of inference and deduction, taught at GCSE, and develop a sophisticated and critical approach to challenging texts that will serve them well for undergraduate studies.

### The Course Involves:

#### Year One:

- *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte
- *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams
- *The Whitsun Weddings* by Philip Larkin
- *Mean Time* by Carol Ann Duffy

#### Year Two:

- *Poetry pre-1900s*, John Keats and unseen poetry
- *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare
- Prose Study – coursework: one novel before 2000 and one after 2000

### Assessment

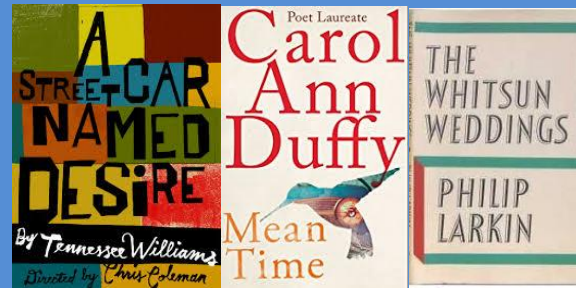
- **Unit 1** - Prose and Drama (closed book) - 20%
- **Unit 2** - Poetry Post-1900 (open-book, clean copy) - 20%
- **Unit 3** - Poetry Pre-1900 and Unseen Poetry - 20%
- **Unit 4** - Shakespeare - 20%
- **Unit 5** - Prose Study - 20%

### Particular Subjects, Skills or Interests

As a minimum, you should have a grade B/6 in both English Language and Literature. You should have a genuine interest in reading literature and have read pre-nineteenth century texts.

### Study Visits/Fieldwork

The department organises theatre visits; there is a charge for travelling and theatre bookings.



### Post-18 Opportunities

English Literature A Level is highly regarded by employers due to its rigour, intellectual depth of the content, and the numerous transferable skills it demonstrates. The subject provides a good opening for careers in media & publishing, and advertising & marketing. Teaching is another option as English Literature is a subject considered important at all school stages. The analytical skills also apply well to disciplines such as law.

**Subject Leader:** Miss M McCarthy

## Subject Champions 2020/21



### Nilufer Aumeerally

**Studying:** English Literature, Government & Politics, History, Sociology & Welsh Baccalaureate.  
**Future aspirations:** to work in higher education.

### Hannah Jones

**Studying:** English Literature, Art, Craft & Design, Biology, Psychology & Welsh Baccalaureate.  
**Future aspirations:** to become an illustrator.

*"This course explores engaging themes through the chosen texts which allow us to develop our critical and analytical skills. These themes give depth to each part of the course, introducing new and interesting views. The wide range of genres create inspiring lessons."*