



Overview

All students at St Aloysius' College study both English Language and English Literature at GCSE. If they pass both subjects, it counts as triple weighting in their Progress 8 attainment. They start their official GCSE programme in Year 9, but all assessments in Year 7 and 8 are also modelled on the new specification GCSE exams.

The English Literature specification from AQA is designed to inspire, challenge and motivate every student, regardless of ability level. A range of texts is included to cater for the needs of all students. There are texts that will be familiar, as well as new ones that will inspire young readers. These texts deal with a range of issues relevant to our students.

Students will benefit from the transferable skills with English Literature GCSE, including analysis, exploration, synthesis and approaching texts from a range of perspectives.

We provide a high-quality education in English that will teach pupils to speak and write fluently so that they can communicate their ideas and emotions to others and through their reading and listening, others can communicate with them. Through reading in particular, pupils have a chance to develop culturally, emotionally, intellectually, socially and spiritually.

Assessment

Paper 1 - Shakespeare and the 19th-Century Novel 40%

1 hour 45 minutes and 64 marks in total.

Section A – Shakespeare – Romeo and Juliet
Section B – The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

Paper 2 - Modern Texts and Poetry 60%

2 hour 15 minutes and 96 marks in total.

Section A – Modern Texts – The play DNA
Section B – Poetry – Studied Anthropology
Section C – Unseen Poetry

Progression Pathways

After completing the English Literature GCSE pupils can continue their studies in English Language or Literature at A-level at St Aloysius' College to develop the skills mentioned above or to pursue a career in a large range of areas including writing, publishing, the media, film, theatre and TV, acting and much more.

Careers

In the current economic climate, creative problem solving, analysis, synthesis and research and development skills are considered priorities in many diverse industries. You could pursue a career in a large range of areas including writing, publishing, the media, film, theatre and TV, acting and much more. A good grade in the English Language GCSE is considered an absolute must for job or further education prospects.