

### Summary of changes to English Literature:

This specification has been developed in line with the Regulatory Requirements provided by the DfE and Ofqual.

The assessment must be by 100% examination – this means that there can be no coursework or controlled assessment.

The exams must be untiered – so there can't be a higher or a foundation tier.

The exams must be closed book, although we are allowed to print extracts from texts on the exam.

Students must study and we must examine the following types of texts:

- one play by Shakespeare
- one 19th-century novel
- a selection of poetry since 1789, including representative Romantic poetry
- fiction or drama from the British Isles from 1914 onwards

There must be a minimum of two unseen texts on the exam, and they must be compared.

### Changes to GCSE English Literature

What's new	What's the same	What's changed
<p>Shakespeare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Merchant of Venice</li> <li>• Romeo and Juliet</li> </ul> <p>19th-century texts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde</li> <li>• A Christmas Carol</li> <li>• Frankenstein</li> <li>• Jane Eyre</li> <li>• The Sign of Four</li> </ul> <p>Modern Prose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new AQA Anthology of Short Stories</li> <li>• Never Let Me Go</li> <li>• Anita and Me</li> <li>• Pigeon English</li> </ul> <p>Modern Drama</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blood Brothers</li> <li>• A Taste of Honey</li> <li>• The History Boys</li> <li>• The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night time</li> </ul> <p>Poetry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new AQA Anthology of Poetry: Love and Relationships and Conflict and Power</li> </ul>	<p>Texts carried forward from current specification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Inspector Calls</li> <li>• The Lord of the Flies</li> <li>• Animal Farm</li> <li>• Pride and Prejudice</li> <li>• Great Expectations</li> <li>• DNA</li> <li>• Macbeth</li> <li>• Much Ado about Nothing</li> <li>• Unseen poetry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% terminal exam</li> <li>• Untiered exam papers</li> <li>• Closed book exams</li> <li>• Some texts</li> </ul>