

English Literature - Assessment Plan

Assessment in Year 12 and 13 is completed at regular intervals. In Year 12, the study of set texts including 'Othello', a pre-1900 Poetry Anthology and 'The Great Gatsby' afford opportunities for assessment each half term. In Year 13 assessment comprises of exam tasks relating to the modern literature texts studied and the Independent Study essays undertaken by students across the course of the year. In addition to this, mock examinations take place in both years to assist students' knowledge regarding the format and assessment of the examinations. Grading is shared with the students across the course and next step targets are given to ensure students know how to improve in line with the examination mark scheme.

AS Assessment

Paper 1: Love through the ages; Shakespeare and Poetry (50%)

A 1.5 hour exam composed of two sections:

Section A: Shakespeare: one passage-based question with linked essay

Section B: Poetry: one question on printed poem

Paper 2: Love through the ages; prose (50%)

A 1.5 hour exam composed of two sections:

Section A: Unseen prose: one compulsory question on an unseen prose extract

Section B: Comparing prose texts: one comparative question on two prose texts

A Level Assessment:

Paper 1: Love through the ages (40%)

A 3 hour examination composed of 3 sections:

Section A: Shakespeare: one passage-based question with linked essay

Section B: Unseen poetry: compulsory essay question on two unseen poems

Section C: Comparing texts: one essay question linking two texts studied – one poetry and one prose

Paper 2: Texts in shared contexts (40%)

Option 2B: Modern times: literature from 1945 to the present day

A 2.5 hour written examination composed of 2 sections:

Section A: Set texts. One essay question on set text

Section B: Contextual linking: analysis of an unseen extract relating to modern literature and a comparison of two studied texts

Non-Examination Assessment: one extended essay (2500 words) and a bibliography (20%)