

EXAMINATION BOARD &  
SPECIFICATION NUMBER:

AQA 8702

# GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE



## COURSE CONTENT

### **Paper 1:**

Shakespeare and the 19<sup>th</sup>-century novel

#### What's assessed

A Shakespeare play: Macbeth

A 19<sup>th</sup>-century novel: The Sign of Four.

### **Paper 2:**

Modern texts and poetry

#### What's assessed

A post-1914 text from a prescribed list e.g. Blood Brothers, An Inspector Calls, The History Boys, Animal Farm, Lord of the Flies.

Poetry from an anthology provided by AQA (15 poems): Power and conflict.

Unseen poetry (2 poems)

## ASSESSMENT

### **Paper 1:**

#### How it's assessed

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes

64 marks

40% of GCSE

### **Paper 2:**

#### How it's assessed

Written exam: 2 hour 15 minutes

96 marks

60% of GCSE

## PROGRESSION & FUTURE CAREERS

Students who study literature develop their ability to appreciate the effects of language in different contexts. This is important for a range of careers in which the ability to understand the effects of language and use it appropriately is essential.

## WEBSITE

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