

# English Curriculum Guide

## Year 13

What will my son learn?		
<b>Autumn term</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Completing coursework on chosen novel in reference to Marxist Literary Criticism, and feminist approaches with the poetry by Emily Dickinson.</li><li>• <i>When Will there Be Good News?</i> by Kate Atkinson</li><li>• <i>The Rime of the Ancient Mariner</i> by Samuel Taylor Coleridge</li></ul>	<b>Spring Term</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Brighton Rock</i> by Graham Greene</li><li>• Revision of <i>Death of a Salesman</i> by Arthur Miller</li><li>• Revision of Keats poetry</li></ul>	<b>Summer Term</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Revision of <i>King Lear</i> by Shakespeare</li><li>• Unseen techniques and practice</li><li>• <b>Exams</b></li></ul>

### How will my son be assessed?

There are two exams at the end of year 13, and two pieces of coursework due in September of year 13.

#### A Level Exams

##### Paper 1 – Literary Genres: Aspects of Tragedy

- Poetry of John Keats, *King Lear* and *Death of a Salesman* (closed book exam)

##### Paper 2 – Texts and Genres: Crime Writing

- *When Will there Be Good News?* by Kate Atkinson, *Brighton Rock* by Graham Green and *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* by Samuel Taylor Coleridge, one unseen piece.

##### Coursework – Theory and Independence

- 1,500 word essay Marxist interpretations on a chosen novel (not an exam text)
- 1,500 word essay on selected poems by Emily Dickinson, feminist approaches

Your son or daughter will study the **AQA English Literature Specification B**.

### How can I support my son with English?

- You should encourage your son or daughter to read a wide range of challenging texts (reading lists will be distributed with recommended texts).
- You can also encourage your child to visit the major cultural institutions which London offers; of particular value for this course are The National Gallery ([nationalgallery.org.uk](http://nationalgallery.org.uk)) and The British Library ([bl.uk](http://bl.uk)); both are free.
- The Globe ([shakespearesglobe.com](http://shakespearesglobe.com)) and The National Theatre ([nationaltheatreorg.uk](http://nationaltheatreorg.uk)) offer tickets for £5 and £15 respectively' a visit to either of these theatres would be worthwhile.