

## English Literature Set Texts

In order to get the best out of our students we encourage them to buy the text they are studying in order for them to annotate notes as they read and learn the text. The school charges a flat rate of £10 and supplies all four texts required. A letter is usually sent home at the beginning of Year 10.

### Shakespeare

Students will study one play from the list of six set texts. Students should study the whole text.

Choose one of:

- *Macbeth*
- *Romeo and Juliet*
- *The Tempest*
- *The Merchant of Venice*
- *Much Ado About Nothing*
- *Julius Caesar*.

### The 19th-century novel

Students will study one novel from the list of seven set texts. Students should study the whole text.

Choose one of:

Robert Louis Stevenson *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*  
Charles Dickens *A Christmas Carol*  
Charles Dickens *Great Expectations*  
Charlotte Brontë *Jane Eyre*  
Mary Shelley *Frankenstein*  
Jane Austen *Pride and Prejudice*  
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle *The Sign of Four*

### Modern texts

Students will study one from a choice of 12 set texts, which include post-1914 prose fiction and drama.

Students should study the whole text.

Choose one of:

#### **Drama**

JB Priestley *An Inspector Calls*  
Willy Russell *Blood Brothers*  
Alan Bennett *The History Boys*  
Dennis Kelly *DNA*  
Simon Stephens *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*  
(play script)  
Shelagh Delaney *A Taste of Honey*

#### **OR Prose**

William Golding *Lord of the Flies*  
AQA Anthology *Telling Tales*

George Orwell *Animal Farm*  
Kazuo Ishiguro *Never Let Me Go*  
Meera Syal *Anita and Me*  
Stephen Kelman *Pigeon English*

## Poetry

Students will study one cluster of poems taken from the AQA poetry anthology, *Poems Past and*

*Present*. There is a choice of two clusters, each containing 15 poems. The poems in each cluster are

thematically linked and were written between 1789 and the present day.

The titles of the two clusters are:

- Love and relationships
- Power and conflict.

Students should study all 15 poems in their chosen cluster and be prepared to write about any of them in the examination.