

# Knowledge Organiser

## KS4 GCSE English Literature AQA Outline



### LEARNING JOURNEY

#### How does it fit with things I have learnt before?

You have been learning the skills of how to analyse language, structure and writer's methods in a range of literature texts since Year 7. You have also been introduced to Shakespeare's play Macbeth and analysed some of the poems in Love and Relationships through the module in understanding unseen poetry.

#### Why are we studying this?

If you complete the course, you will be awarded a GCSE in English Literature. This qualification is valued highly because it shows an ability to not just analyse texts but also form a coherent line of argument through your written responses. These skills are necessary in many other curriculum areas. It is also a prerequisite to study Literature at A Level.

**Paper 1 are both extract questions but require you to comment on the texts as a whole.**



### CORE KNOWLEDGE

#### Assessment Objectives:

#### **AO1: Read, understand and respond to texts - 12 marks**

Students should be able to:  
maintain a critical style and develop an informed personal response  
use textual references, including quotations, to support and illustrate interpretations

#### **AO2: 12 marks**

Analyse the language, form and structure used by a writer to create meanings and effects, using relevant subject terminology where appropriate

#### **AO3: 6 marks**

Show understanding of the relationships between texts and the contexts in which they were written

#### **AO4: 4 marks**

Use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect, with accurate spelling and punctuation.

### Paper 2 section A

There is no extract.

You have a choice of two questions on the play but you only do one.

### Paper 1 Section B

One poem from love and relationships is printed and you have to compare it with another poem from memory.

### Paper 2 section C

An unseen poem is printed and you have to analyse this.  
Then you have to compare this poem with another poem.

### HOW DO I RESPOND?

**Paper 1** 1 hour 45mins

#### **Section A:**

Macbeth 30 marks +AO4

#### **Section B**

A Christmas Carol 30 marks

**Paper 2** 2 hours 15 mins

#### **Section A:**

Modern Play An Inspector Calls /Curious incident 30 marks + AO4

#### **Section B**

Poetry Love and Relationships - 30 marks

#### **Section C**

#### **Unseen poetry**

Analysing an unseen poem - 24 marks

Comparison - 8 marks