Guilsborough Academy Sixth Form

KS5 CURRICULUM

Course Title: **English Language and Literature**

Examination Board: AQA

Entry Requirements: Please see Entry Requirements in the Application Form.

Assessment:
A Level = 2 exams (40% each) and 1 coursework (20%)
Paper 1 – 'Telling Stories' 3hrs, 100 marks
Paper 2 – 'Exploring Conflict' 2hrs 30, 100 marks
Non-exam assessment – 50marks 2,500-3,000 word investigation in to literary language and discourse theory.

Is This Course Right For Me?

English Language and Literature is the perfect combination of the intense and rewarding reading experience of a Literature course and the technical and theoretical approach of a Language course. It will develop your skills in exploring and evaluating texts of all genres, whilst also developing a technical approach to studying spoken and written language theories. The course is structured around prescribed and wider reading; dedication to which is paramount to your success. The examinations are a combination of closed and open book and there is the opportunity to be both analytical and creative. You will need to be committed to the rigours of the course and have a keen interest in how texts are constructed as well as a love of reading and interest in discourse and grammar.

Example of university courses and grades required

- Oxford - English AAA (including English Literature)
- Loughborough - BA Hons English or various joint honours including English with History, Drama or Sports Science ABB (A in English)
- Northampton University - BA Hons English 280points
- De Montford University - BA Hons English 300points
- Aberystwyth University - BA Hons Creative Writing 300points
- Kingston University—BA Hons Film Studies and Publishing 300points

Unit Contents:

Each year allows you to explore drama, prose, poetic and non-fiction texts (written and spoken), which are connected via central ideas including places, voices and encounters. Although most of the course is dedicated to the analysis and evaluation of existing texts, you are also expected to be creative with your own interpretation of texts via a recreative piece (and commentary), to demonstrate understanding of how texts are constructed, your appreciation of contexts and the impact on audiences.

In the A2 year students will also complete a non-exam assessment which will be a personal investigation that explores a specific technique or theme in both literary and non-literary discourse (2,500-3,000 words).

Progression:

This course is suitable for students wishing to read English or English Literature. Students might also progress in to publishing, speech therapy, creative, screen or script writing, teaching or journalism. It is also a very strong complementary subject for students wishing to read History, Law or Drama and any university course that will include extensive essay writing. Many science courses also like students who can articulate themselves clearly in an essay format. This A Level will add considerable weight and value to any UCAS, apprenticeship or employment application.

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