

# English Literature GCSE





# Results 2019



- \* 73% 9-4 in English (Year 11)
- \* 61% in English Literature (Year 10 only)



# Early Entry English Literature

## The Benefits

- \* The full Literature course has been taught this year (Year 9) and will be reinforced and built on next academic year (2018/19).
- \* GCSE English Literature tests the pupils on a wide range of poetry, a Shakespeare play, a further play and a pre 20<sup>th</sup> century novel. The pupils are expected to remember quotations, content and context for each element and then write essays on them. By having just this to remember/focus on in 2019 we believe the pupils have the greatest chance of success.
- \* In addition to English Literature and Language, pupils have a huge amount of content to remember for their GCSEs in Year 11. By taking English Literature at the end of Year 10, pupils can focus fully on one subject, effectively 'getting it out of the way'.
- \* **No pupil will be disadvantaged by early entry.** If your son/daughter does not achieve their target grade in 2019 they will have the opportunity to re-sit it along with all their other GCSEs in 2020.
- \* The wellbeing and good mental health of our pupils is something we take seriously at Northgate. We believe that by taking this GCSE a year early, on its own, pupils will be able to prepare fully for it without the additional strains of multiple other subjects. Success in English Literature will hopefully instil confidence in the pupils and spur them on for their other GCSEs the following year.

# Early Entry

## What this means now

- \* It means that every lesson counts
- \* Homework and extra revision are essential
- \* Intervention is targeted around knowledge of the texts
- \* Students do need to prioritise this subject and make sure they are well prepared so they can make the most of the opportunity

# Exam Board and Exam dates

Our exam board is AQA

The Literature exams will be in May and June 2020

- \* English Literature Paper 1 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May (1 hour 45 minutes)
- \* English Literature Paper 2 Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May (2 hours 15 minutes)
- \* Those who reach their target in Literature will only be put in for the Language GCSE in 2020.



# Sets and Targets

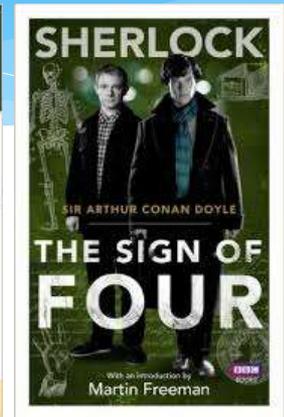
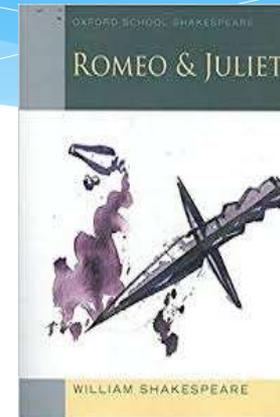


- \* Pupils are set according to their target grade (1-9).
- \* Pupils are monitored closely, and their exam based practice and mocks are tracked by the department.
- \* Sets occasionally change based on what is best for the student.
- \* Fulfilling students' potential is at the heart of everything we do; if a set change is made, it is for the right reasons for that individual.

# Literature Exam Texts

## Paper 1:

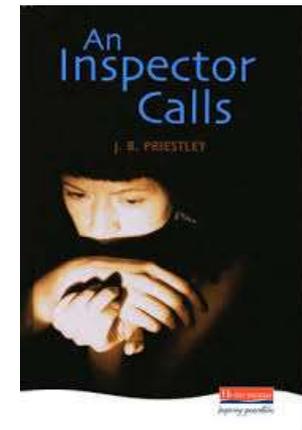
- \* 'Romeo and Juliet' William Shakespeare
- \* 'The Sign of Four' Sir Arthur Conan Doyle



## Paper 2

- \* 'An Inspector Calls' J.B. Priestley
- \* Poetry Anthology (supplied by AQA)

Please see letter for details of texts.





# Revision Materials

- \* There are a huge number of revision guides and online materials for English GCSE.
- \* See flyer for details of useful revision guides, websites, podcasts and You Tube channels that students can use to revise. All these are specific to AQA.
- \* GCSE Pod is an excellent resource to use.
- \* Flipsco cards (£2.99 a pack) are also excellent as they take away the need to make revision cards.



- \* Year 10 follow a weekly homework programme to support their learning and give them extra practice of exam style questions.
- \* We expect all Year 10 to spend an hour a week on English homework, and revision too.
- \* They can always be using their Knowledge Organisers to revise and make notes.
- \* Homework can be accessed via Show My Homework, but is also given out directly by teachers.



# Other ways you can support

- \* Encourage attendance and punctuality. Every lesson is important. There are 105 school days until their Literature GCSE.
- \* Encourage reading the texts again and engage in discussion about them.
- \* Test your child on quotations from their literature texts.
- \* Support revision at home – keep time for them while they do practice questions or papers etc.
- \* Look on Go4Schools at their Core Knowledge Test Results and encourage them to revise and work on weakest areas.
- \* Communicate with the school or your child's teacher if they are struggling or need extra support.

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