How to co-teach our English Literature specifications

English Literature B: *A genre and critical theory approach*

AS Y1

All students can be taught together. The whole class studies *Aspects of tragedy* or *Aspects of comedy* with:

- one Shakespeare play
- one other drama
- one poetry text
- one prose text.

One of the non-Shakespeare texts must be pre-1900.

At the end of Y1 students can:

- continue straight to A-level with no assessment
- sit AS assessments and finish with an AS qualification
- sit AS assessments then continue to A-level.

Continue straight to A-level?

No

Yes

All AS students take two assessments

Aspects of tragedy* or *Aspects of comedy

Component 1

- Shakespeare play and other drama text.
- Written exam paper.
- 50 per cent of AS grade.

Component 2

- Prose and poetry texts.
- Written exam paper.
- 50 per cent of AS grade.

AS qualification

Continue to A-level?

No

Yes

A-level Y2

A-level students study Elements of crime writing or Elements of political and social protest writing.

***Elements of crime writing*:**

- one post-2000 prose text
- one pre-1900 poetry text
- one further text.

Or

***Elements of political and social protest writing*:**

- one post-2000 prose text
- one poetry text
- one further text.

At least one of these texts must be pre-1900.

All A-level students take three assessments

Aspects of tragedy* or *Aspects of comedy

Component 1:

- Three texts from Y1, one Shakespeare, one other drama, plus one other text.
- Written exam paper.
- 40 per cent of A-level grade.

Elements of crime writing or *Elements of political and social protest writing*

Component 2:

- All three texts covered.
- Written exam paper.
- 40 per cent of total A-level grade.

Theory and independence

Component 3:

- Non-exam assessment (coursework) based on two texts, plus the Critical anthology.
- One of the two texts can be an AS-only text from Y1 *Aspects of tragedy* or *Aspects of comedy*.
- 20 per cent of total A-level grade.

A-level qualification

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