

GCSE English Literature

The GCSE in English Literature is unitised and tiered (higher and foundation tiers available).

Examinations (75%)

Changes to the specification in light of COVID*:

Every candidate is now required to sit one of the two examined units (Unit 1 or 2).

Here at St John Lloyd, learners will be sitting Unit 2a (*Heroes and An Inspector Calls*) not Unit 1 (*Of Mice and Men*). This year, it is not possible for learners to choose to sit both Unit 1 and Unit 2.

Our rationale for this choice of unit is that it's an exam for which we have already prepared and, unlike in Unit 1, there is no unseen poetry as part of the exam. Historically, this is the component that causes the greatest challenge in terms of gaining marks for our students.

Date of English Literature exam Unit 2a: Wednesday, May 26th, 2021 (a.m.)

Unit 3 Non-Examined Assessment (25%)

Section A: Shakespeare (2 hours) 12.5%

An analysis of an aspect of a Shakespeare play.

Section B: Welsh Writing in English (2 hours) 12.5%

A comparison of at least TWO poems from the *Library of Wales anthology Poetry 1900-2000: One Hundred Poets from Wales* (edited by Meic Stephens). A substantial amount of this work has been completed in Year 10.