



JUMEIRAH COLLEGE

FAQs - GCSE English Language and Literature

What pathways are on offer?

All students will sit both AQA English Language and AQA English Literature. There is no higher or foundation paper, all students will sit the exact same papers and will all have an opportunity to pertain all available grades. All students will also take AQA's Speaking and Listening examination which is not part of the GCSE qualification. This will give students a separate speaking qualification to place on university applications and future CVs to prove their fluency in English.

Will either GCSE involve coursework?

No. At present, the AQA Language and Literature courses are 100% examination-based. Your child will sit two English Literature papers in May of Year 11, and two English Language papers in June of Year 11.

What texts will my child study for GCSE Literature?

All students will study:

- A Shakespeare play
- A modern (post-1914) text
- A 19th Century novel
- A poetry anthology

The text itself will depend on which English class your child is in. Currently, our students study:

- Macbeth or Romeo and Juliet
- An Inspector Calls or Lord of the Flies
- The Strange Case of Jekyll and Hyde or A Christmas Carol or Frankenstein or Pride and Prejudice
- The AQA Poetry anthology

In general, students who are well-read and familiar with a broad variety of texts (not just the ones explored in class with their teachers) will perform best, not just within the English GCSEs but across all of their GCSEs. Specifically in English Literature, examiners are most impressed by students who can discuss the *typicality* of a text to its author or time-period, this would involve the student ensuring

What grade in English does my child need to achieve to take A Levels at Jumeirah College Sixth Form?

A grade 5 in English Language is needed to access most A Levels at Jumeirah College Sixth Form, with certain subjects (English Language, Biology, Business, Economics) needing at least a grade 6 in English Language to enroll on the course.

Is there a suggested KS4 reading list?

Yes, please see attached.

Yours sincerely

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JC English Department KS4 Suggested Reads

Author

Acevedo, Elizabeth

Allende, Isabel

Adams, Douglas

Chimamanda Ngozi

Adichie

Alcott, Louisa May

Austen, Jane

Bennett, Brit

Brookes, Max

Bronte, Charlotte

Bronte, Emily

Brown, Dan

Bryson, Bill

Burgess, Melvin

Colfer, Eoin

Conrad, Joseph

Dahl, Roald

Dashner, James

Defoe, Daniel

Dickens, Charles

Donnelly, Jennifer

Doyle, Arthur Conan

Dunmore, Helen

Ennis, Jessica

Elton, Ben

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Evans, Nicholas

Faulks, Sebastian

Ferguson, Sir Alex

Fitzgerald, F. Scott

Fleming, Ian

Gaiman, Neil

Garland, Alex

Golding, William

Grahame, Kenneth

Grant, Michael

Green, John

Gregory, Philippa

Haddon, Mark

Haig, Matt

Haley, Alex

Heller, Joseph

Text

Clap When You Land

A Long Petal of the Sea

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Half of a Yellow Sun

Little Women

Persuasion

Sense and Sensibility

Emma

The Vanishing Half

World War Z

Jane Eyre

Wuthering Heights

The Da Vinci Code

Notes from a Small Island

Billy Elliot

Artemis Fowl Series

Heart of Darkness

Boy: Tales of Childhood

The Maze Runner Series

The Eye of Minds

Robinson Crusoe

Great Expectations

A Tale of Two Cities

Oliver Twist

A Gathering Light

The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

The Siege

Jessica Ennis: Unbelievable

Two Brothers

Time and Time Again

The Horse Whisperer

Devil May Care

My Autobiography

The Great Gatsby

Casino Royale

Stardust

The Beach

Lord of the Flies

The Wind in the Willows

The Gone Series

The Fault In Our Stars

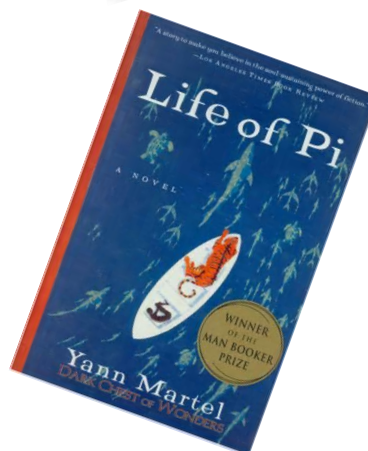
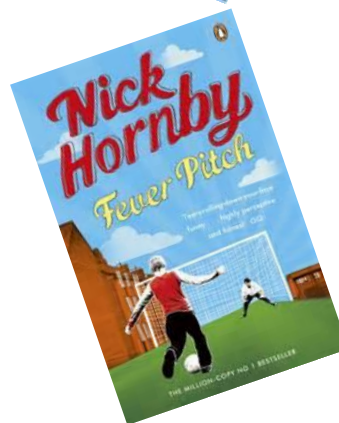
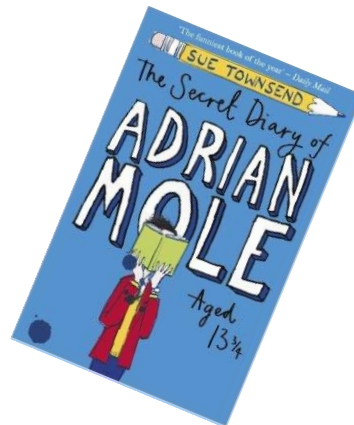
The Other Boleyn Girl

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

How to Stop Time

Roots

Catch 22



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Hornby, Nick

Kesey, Ken

Landy, Derek
Lee, Harper
Martel, Yann
Matheson, Richard
Malley, Gemma
McCaw, Richie
Mitchell, Margaret

Ness, Patrick
Orwell, George

Pasternak, Boris
Picoult, Jodi
Pratchett, Terry
Pullman, Philip
Reeve, Philip
Robb Smith, Tom
Roth, Veronica

Salinger, J.D.
Sedgwick, Marcus
Sepetys, Ruth
Shelley, Mary
Shute, Nevil
Smith, Zadie
Steifvater, Maggie
Steinbeck, John
Stevenson, Robert Louis

Stoker, Bram
Swarup, Vikas
Syal, Meera
Thomas, Angie
Tolkein, J.R.R.

Townsend, Sue
Twain, Mark
Wells, H.G.
Whitehead, Colson
Wilde, Oscar
Zephaniah, Benjamin
Zusak, Markus

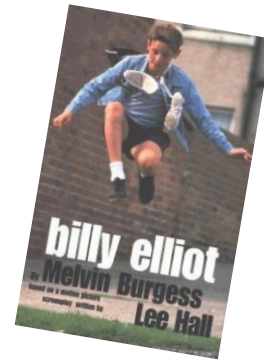
The Borne Identity

Fever Pitch
About A Boy
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
Skulduggery Pleasant Series
To Kill a Mocking Bird
The Life of Pi
I Am Legend
The Declaration
The Real McCaw
Gone With The Wind

The Knife of Never Letting Go
Animal Farm
Nineteen Eighty-four
Doctor Zhivago
My sister's Keeper
Discworld
His Dark Materials
Mortal Engines series
Child 44
Divergent

Catcher in the Rye
My Swordhand is Singing
Salt to the Sea
Frankenstein
A Town Like Alice
White Teeth
Shiver Trilogy
Of Mice and Men
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
Treasure Island
Dracula

Slumdog Millionaire
Anita and Me
The Hate U Give
The Hobbit
The Lord of the Rings
Adrian Mole's Diary
Huckleberry Finn
War of the Worlds
The Underground Railroad
The Picture of Dorian Gray
Face
The Book Thief



Key:

If you're a History Lover (like Ms Trotman) – Green

If you enjoy The Gothic (like Mr Simpson)- Purple

If you love Mystery (like Mr. Williams) – Red

If you're into the classics (like Ms. Larsen- Pink

If you enjoy Dystopia (like Ms. Daly) – Blue

If you're keen on American Literature (like Ms. Tossell) – Yellow

If your favourite is Sporting Literature (like Mr. Peddar) – Brown