**Name of Subject:** English Studies

**Stage:** 2

**General information:** This subject focuses on literature. It offers students an opportunity to interact with some fabulous stories that have withstood the test of time. Students will extend their ability to present a reasoned critical argument and write with eloquence.

**Content:**

**Study of text**
Within our study of texts we consider the author and why he or she created the text and what messages can be derived from it. There is a strong focus on the techniques used by the author to do this. We study plays, novels, films and poetry.

**Text Production**
The text production study allows students to develop and demonstrate creativity and to use language for a range of purposes. This tends to be spaced out over the year and not in one large block. It is often a welcome avenue for creative relief when faced with copious amounts of analysis.

**Assessments:**

**Shared Studies – 30%**
In this component students respond to the texts studied in an analytical way, most commonly in the form of an essay. There will be several tasks in this section and by completing the tasks students prepare themselves for the end of year examination.

**Text Production – 20%**
Students create texts, both written and oral, for a variety of purposes.

**Individual Study – 20%**
Students select two texts that are linked in some way and analyse them. A formal critical essay is presented (1500 – 2000 words) as well as a supporting study (material that demonstrates the student as the author of the essay – charting the progress and ideas of the student).

**Examination – 30%**
There is an end of year examination which is externally assessed. In this exam students are expected to complete a critical reading of a shorter text and write two essays on the shared studies.

**Special Information:** There is a 3 hour exam for this subject. You cannot choose both English Communications AND English Studies.

**Preferred prerequisites:** It is preferred that students have successfully completed the pre-Studies Stage 1 English course.