

GCSE English Language

GCSE English Literature

CORE

The study of English Literature encourages our students to develop an interest and enjoyment of English Literature through wider reading. It is a subject which provides an excellent academic grounding for Higher Education. It follows the AQA course and is equivalent to 1 GCSE each.

This course builds on:

- Reading and writing
- Speaking and listening activities
- Work on a Shakespeare text
- Narrative writing
- Poetry

This course aims to:

- Produce accurate, appropriate and effective communication in speech and writing
- Develop the ability to understand what is heard, read and experience in a range of different genres and to respond in an imaginative, sympathetic and critical manner
- Encourage a love of reading and an enthusiastic interest in literature

Controlled Assessment:

- There is no controlled assessment

Speaking and Listening

- A selection of students will need to be filmed on a presentation task and a sample will be sent to AQA for accreditation.

Examination

- English Language Paper 1: Explorations in creative writing (worth 50% of the GCSE)
- English Language Paper 2: Writers' viewpoints and perspectives (worth 50% of the GCSE)
- English Literature Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th Century novel (worth 40% of the GCSE)
- English Literature Paper 2: Modern texts, Poetry and Unseen Poetry (worth 60% of the GCSE)

Progression Pathways to further and higher education:

- College course requiring GCSEs
- University degree following A Levels

Career Opportunities

- Teacher
- Office Worker
- Book shop assistant
- Publisher
- Journalist

These are just five! Every job involves some form of speaking and listening and reading and writing. The higher your qualification, the more likely you are to be considered.