



GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE

Ofsted said: "School information, and the work scrutinized during the inspection, indicates that pupils make good progress during key stage 3, particularly in English." June 2016

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND ENGLISH LITERATURE GCSE SPECIFICATION AT A GLANCE

EXAM BOARD: AQA

Candidates will pursue a course leading to the award of two separate GCSE 9-1 qualifications at the end of Year 11. These GCSEs are assessed entirely by examinations of which there will be four in total.

GCSE English Language

Paper 1: Explorations in creative reading and writing.
Written paper – 1 hr 45 minutes – 50%

Paper 2: Writer's viewpoints and perspectives.
Written paper – 1 hr 45 minutes – 50%

Non-examination assessment: Spoken Language

GCSE English Literature

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th Century novel.
Written paper - 1 hr 45 minutes – 40%

Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry.
Written paper - 2 hrs 15 minutes – 60%.

SUPPORTING TRIPS AND ACTIVITIES:

Day trip to GCSE Poetry Live!

Various theatre trips relevant to texts that students study.

Trip to the Globe theatre.

ENGLISH COURSE INFORMATION

As a compulsory subject, GCSE English language provides students with the essential tools of communication to enable them to succeed in school and beyond. English Literature helps students gain a love and appreciation for a wide range of literature as well as developing skills of analysis.

What will my child gain from English?

English is the study of language and having a command of the spoken and written word benefits all other GCSE subjects. In addition, reading a range of literature sharpens analytical skills as well as gaining knowledge about culture, historical contexts and the human condition. English can help young people to:

- Work independently
- Be creative
- Think critically and logically
- Communicate ideas with confidence
- Carry out research and analysis
- Appreciate a range of important literature.
- Develop high standards of written expression.

Where will English take my child?

GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature allow students to take the next step to A-Levels; a secure grade in these subjects is vital to access most other courses.

Most employers also expect a good grade in English Language as a minimum requirement and there are a wide range of skills developed in this subject which can lead to professions in many areas which can include:

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| - Sports journalist | - Newsreader |
| - Lawyer | - Actor |
| - Politician | - Teacher |

Further reading/ suggested revision materials:

BBC GCSE Bitesize

Online study guide Spark Notes

A range of CGP revisions guides are also available
on all the texts covered at GCSE.

For further information, please contact:

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