



English FAQs

What can students do to prepare herself for the GCSE English courses?

Maintain a habit of wide and regular reading. Read a range of materials in addition to fiction; articles from periodicals and broadsheet newspapers or supplements.

Write and speak in a range of real life situations; request something by phone, try writing a letter to a newspaper or an MP.

Broaden vocabulary by using a thesaurus and learning new words.

Will students be taught in ability sets?

No. All classes are mixed ability. They will be put in new, mixed groups.

Will all students study the same texts for English Literature?

Yes. All classes receive exactly the same provision and will study all units at the same time in the same order. The texts studied are: Romeo and Juliet (Shakespeare), An Inspector Calls (Priestley), A Christmas Carol (Dickens) and an anthology of poetry provided by the exam board AQA (theme: Power & Conflict)

Is there any coursework for English?

There is a non examined unit which assesses spoken language ability but this is worth 0% of their English Language GCSE. It will be completed at the end of Year 9 and then through on-going teacher assessment. The assessment (Distinction, Merit or Pass) will be included on the GCSE certificate and development of spoken language is a vital part of English.