

Subject: English Language

Qualification: GCSE

Exam Board: AQA

Specification Code: 8700



Who is the course for?



English is a statutory, core subject; therefore an essential subject in the curriculum, given that it develops communication skills that are essential to all subject areas. More importantly, English is a qualification sought after by all higher educational institutes and most employers

What will I learn?

The study of English Language through a range of literary and non-literary texts. This is taught alongside English Literature, as an integrated course, leading to two separate GCSE qualifications of equal value. The course consists of two units and at the start of the course students will be given an outline plan which will identify what will be studied in each half term.

Students will be required to respond to unseen texts drawn from "high quality, challenging literature and nonfiction" on both papers in the final examination, so the two-year course will provide opportunities for them to read widely and become confident in interpreting information and ideas and in understanding the means by which they are presented.

How will I be assessed?



Each unit is assessed through final examination:

Unit 1: Examination worth 50% of final grade: Creative Reading and Writing.

Analysis of literary text and descriptive or narrative writing. Written exam 1 hour 45 minutes.

Unit 2: Examination worth 50% of final grade: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives.

Analysing literary fiction and non-fiction and writing to present a viewpoint. Written exam 1 hour 45 minutes

How can I progress with this qualification?

