

GCSE English Language

Examination Board: AQA

“The development of language is part of the development of the personality, for words are the natural means of expressing thoughts and establishing understanding between people.”

–Maria Montessori

What will I learn?

The specification will enable students of all abilities to develop the skills they need to read, understand and analyse a wide range of different texts covering the 19th, 20th and 21st century time periods as well as to write clearly, coherently and accurately using a range of vocabulary and sentence structures.

Which skills will I develop?

The specification offers a skills-based approach to the study of English Language in an untiered context. Questions are designed to take students on an assessment journey through lower tariff tasks to more extended responses.

How will I learn?

English Language is integrated with English Literature in the curriculum. Lessons will be a mixture of teacher led activities, individual tasks and collaborative work with students having the opportunity to review their learning.

How will my work be assessed?

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| Paper One Exam | <i>Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing</i> | 1 hour 45 minutes 50% |
| Paper Two Exam | <i>Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives</i> | 1 hour 45 minutes 50% |
| Non-Examined Speaking and Listening Component | Spoken Language not included in the marks for the GCSE | Spoken Language Task |

Where might it lead?

Almost all jobs and careers require you to have GCSE English Language. The skills and knowledge that you will learn through the qualification will ensure that you are prepared for life.

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“The answers you get from literature depend on the questions you pose.”

–Margaret Atwood

What will I learn?

GCSE English Literature is important in everyday life because it connects individuals with larger truths and ideas in a society. Literature creates a way for people to record their thoughts and experiences in a way that is accessible to others, through fictionalized accounts of the experience.

Which skills will I develop?

The specification takes a skills-based approach to the study of English literature that is consistent across the genres. The qualification allows you to experience inspirational literature and allows students of all abilities to achieve their best on every question.

It offers excellent preparation for AS and A-level English Literature, as well as giving students a grounding in a wide variety of literature that will stay with them for life.

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| Paper One Exam | <i>Shakespeare and 19th century novel</i> | 1 hour 45 minutes 40% |
| Paper Two Exam | <i>Modern Texts and Poetry</i> | 2 hour 15 minutes 60% |

Where might it lead?

There are several careers that would directly lead from studying this course, which include law, teaching, lexicography, journalism, Public Relations, marketing and job roles within the media.

