

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Pupils will follow the AQA English Language course at GCSE level which continues to develop the skills learned in Years 7 – 9. Reading and Writing are the core skills which form the basis of the course.

The Examinations

Pupils will sit two examinations. These examinations will make up the whole of their final grade. There is no longer any coursework or controlled assessment. Each paper is 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading & Writing (50% of the total GCSE marks)	
Section A: Reading – pupils answer one short question, two longer questions and one extended question on one fiction text.	40 Marks
Section B: Writing – pupils answer one extended writing question.	40 Marks
<i>Total time allowed:</i>	<i>1 hour 45 minutes</i>

Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives (50% of the total GCSE marks)	
Section A: Reading – pupils answer one short question, two longer questions and one extended question on two linked texts.	40 Marks
Section B: Writing – pupils answer one extended writing question.	40 Marks
<i>Total time allowed:</i>	<i>1 hour 45 minutes</i>

Spoken Language: Non – examination

Pupils will be assessed by their class teacher during the course and receive a pass, merit or distinction grade. However, although pupils will be awarded a separate grade for spoken language, it does not contribute to their final GCSE English Language grade.



Please contact Miss S Dominey if you would like any further guidance.

ENGLISH LITERATURE

All pupils will follow the AQA English Literature course during Years 10 and 11. The course is made up of two papers. Both are assessed through external examination. We currently study: Macbeth, The Sign of Four, An Inspector Calls, Love and Relationship Poetry and Unseen Poetry.

The Examinations

Pupils will sit two examinations. These examinations will make up the whole of their final grade. There is no longer any coursework or controlled assessment.

Paper 1: Shakespeare & The 19th-century novel (40% of the total GCSE marks)	
Section A: Shakespeare – one essay question on a play by Shakespeare. Pupils will be required to explore an extract and then the play as a whole.	34 Marks
Section B: The 19 th century novel – one essay question on a 19 th century novel. Pupils will be required to explore an extract and then the novel as a whole.	30 Marks
<i>Total time allowed:</i>	<i>1 hour 45 minutes</i>

Paper 2: Modern texts and Poetry (60% of the total GCSE marks)	
Section A: Modern texts – one essay question from a choice of two questions based on a modern prose or drama text.	34 Marks
Section B: Poetry – one question comparing one named poem and one other from their anthology cluster.	30 Marks
Section C: Unseen Poetry – one question on a previously unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem.	32 Marks
<i>Total time allowed:</i>	<i>2 hours 15 minutes</i>



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