

English Language

GCSE

Examination Board: AQA

What will I study?

Over the course of the two years you will study a selection of fiction and non-fiction texts. You will develop your skills in analysis with a focus on language, structure and form. We will help you become critical evaluators of the English Language. The skills you develop here will help you in the understanding and the crafting of your own texts as you manipulate language, structure and form for a variety of different purposes and audiences.

How is the course assessed?

This course is assessed through two components and a Spoken Language presentation.

Component 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

1 hour 45 minutes

50% of overall GCSE grade

Section A (25%) - Reading

You will be given an extract from a fiction text to read and answer questions on. The Questions will test your understanding of the extract, your analysis of language and structure, and your evaluation of key ideas expressed in the text.

Section B (25%) - Writing

You will complete one extended writing task. The task focuses upon descriptive or narrative writing linked to the theme of the extract in Section A

Component 2: Writers Viewpoints and Perspectives

1 hour 45 minutes

50% of overall GCSE grade

Section A (25%) - Reading

You will be given two extracts, both non-fiction, which are linked by theme. These texts may come from the 19th, 20th or 21st century. Questions will focus upon your understanding of the two texts alongside your analysis of language and structure. You are also asked to compare, summarise and evaluate the key ideas presented in the two texts.

Section B (25%) Writing

You will complete one extended writing question, which asks you to present a viewpoint. This could be: a speech, a letter, an article or a leaflet.

Component 3: Spoken Language

You will complete one presentation with a topic of your choice which will be recorded. Further questions will be asked about the topic of your presentation allowing you to develop your ideas and discuss the issues further.

How will the course help me in the future?

The breadth of texts studied in English offers students the chance to develop knowledge and understanding of the world around you. In addition the subject allows you to develop empathy and emotional intelligence. These skills enable you to work well with others and build crucial skills that employers are seeking.

English will also help you to develop confidence and skills in communication, presentation and discussion.

Which member of staff should I contact for more information?

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