

GCSE English Language (4705)

Exam Board: AQA

Course Outline for Y11:

Last year students completed their English Literature GCSE and this year are studying English Language only. For this course, students study a range of texts including poetry and prose, fiction and non-fiction. The course helps students to develop a wide range of skills that are essential to everyday life including analysis, persuasive writing and writing to inform. Students also have the opportunity to learn about spoken language texts allowing them to use their knowledge of speech and communication in the modern world in the classroom.

Weightings:

Coursework: 4 pieces of controlled assessment; x2 creative writing, x1 study of a novel, x1 spoken language analysis. Combined these form 40% of overall grade.

Exam: 1 exam at the end of Year 11. Contributes towards 60% of overall grade.

What students should be doing to achieve:

- Reading and re-reading texts independently
- Up-levelling work thoroughly and correcting mistakes
- Completing homework on time and to a high standard
- Working independently outside of lessons

How parents / carers can help students achieve:

- Encourage students to use revision guides (CGP or Pearson)
- Ensure students are reading independently to improve vocabulary
- Check homework diaries to keep up to date on homework
- Looking at work in books to ensure it is completed.
- Encourage students to use revision websites like BBC Bitesize
- Use the GCSE school blog and SAM learning revision tools.

Support and Interventions available at school:

- GCSE intervention clubs will be available for students that are not achieving their potential. These are invitation only.
- Enrichment clubs will also be offered to students to help widen their knowledge and understanding of English.

Dates to make a note of:

- GCSE Mock Exam Weeks: 30th Nov– 9th Dec 2015
- GCSE Controlled Assessment deadline: March 2016
- GCSE English Language Exam: 7th June 2016

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