

English

GCSE English language and English Literature

Exam Board: AQA

Course Code: 8700 / 8702

English courses overview

English is comprised of two separate GCSE qualifications that are taught alongside each other over two years. You will work towards achieving a GCSE in both English Language and English Literature.

Throughout the two-year course, you will cover a variety of modern and classic literature, as well as a wide range of non-fiction texts from the 19th, 20th and 21st Centuries. The courses allow you to develop your own writing skills as well as your ability to analyse texts from many different contexts.

In Year 10 you will begin to develop the skills required for your GCSE and will study a wide range of GCSE texts including poetry, prose and drama to prepare you for your exams in year 11.

How is the course assessed?

English Literature

You will prepare for an exam at the end of the course over the two-year period. You will be assessed throughout the course in a series of mock exams. There will be two papers at the end of year 11 which will be completed under exam conditions. Paper 1 will examine Shakespeare and the 19th Century novel, Paper 2 will examine Poetry and Modern prose or drama.

English Language

You will prepare for an exam at the end of the course over the two-year period. You will be assessed throughout the course in a series of mock exams. There will be two papers at the end of year 11 which will be completed under exam conditions. Both papers will require you to analyse a range of literary non-fiction texts and to write creatively. You will also complete a speaking and listening assessment as part of this unit.

Is this course for you?

As English is a core subject, all students will be studying GCSE English Language and English Literature. All students will be entered for English Language and the majority will also be entered for English Literature.

What could these courses lead to?

The course provides an excellent progression route into English Literature and Language/English Literature A Level as well as A Level Media. You will develop essential knowledge and skills including those involved in reading and analysing literature and creative writing. GCSE English Literature and Language aim to provide you with literacy skills that can be applied to a range of subjects.

Who can I contact for further information and support?

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