

# GCSE English

## Course Outline for Year 10 and Year 11:

The course is comprised of two separate GCSE qualifications, English Language and English Literature. Across both courses students will be studying a range of poems, novels and plays, and through these exploring writers' craft through theme, characterisation and context, as well as analysing the effect of language, structure and form on an audience. Students will also be developing their own creative writing to suit purpose and audience.

## English Literature

### Assessment:

#### Paper 1 (1:45 minute written exam, 40%)

Section A: One essay question on the study of a play written by William Shakespeare (Macbeth)

Section B: One question on the study of a 19th Century novel (Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde)

#### Paper 2 (2:15 minute written exam, 60%)

Section A: One essay question on the study of a modern text (An Inspector Calls)

Section B: One comparative questions on poems studied (Power and Conflict cluster)

Section C: One question on an unseen poem and one question comparing this with another unseen poem.

## English Language

### Assessment:

#### Paper 1 (1:45 minute written exam, 50%)

Section A: Reading an fiction extract and responding to analysis questions.

Section B: Writing a descriptive or narrative piece in response to a given task.

#### Paper 2 (1:45 minute written exam, 50%)

Section A: Reading one fiction text and one literary non-fiction text, and responding to analysis questions.

Section B: Writing to present a viewpoint on a given topic.

### Non- examination Assessment: Spoken Language

This is a teacher assessed presentation on any topic using standard English and responding to questions and feedback.

### Supporting your child:

- ensuring your child re-reads the set texts at home
- students should be using their notes or revision guides to develop revision notes/cards
- read a range of texts beyond the set curriculum

### Who can I contact for further information and support?

Your child's English teacher

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English Language -  
8700 & English Lit  
- 8702.

