

ENGLISH

The study of English is vital in the modern world; reading and writing skills are fundamental requirements of any job. These are practised along with the analysis of literature, which will enable your child to explore their expressive, as well as academic, side. English Language and English Literature are excellent subjects to support study at a higher level, as they enable students to develop and hone their skills of interpretation and essay writing; essential for many university courses.

Exam Board	Paper Specification	Subject Type
AQA	Language - 8700 Literature - 8702	Core
Qualification Awarded		
GCSE English Language GCSE English Literature		

ASSESSMENT

	Language	Literature
Paper 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing • Examination (50%) • 1 hour 45 minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel • Examination (40%) • 1 hour 45 minutes
Paper 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writers viewpoints and perspectives • Examination (50%) • 1 hour 45 minutes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern Texts and Poetry • Examination (60%) • 2 hours 15 minutes

EXPECTATIONS

GCSE English Language is a compulsory course that will require students to draw upon a range of texts as a reading stimulus and engage with creative, as well as real and relevant contexts. Students will have opportunities to develop higher-order reading and critical thinking skills that encourage genuine enquiry into various topics and themes. The GCSE specification will ensure that students can read fluently and write effectively. Students will be able to demonstrate a confident control of Standard English and grammar, both in deploying figurative language and analysing texts.

All students will also sit the GCSE in English Literature. This GCSE will require students to study Shakespeare, 19th Century Literature, Poetry, and Modern Prose or Drama.