

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE

## What is GCSE English Language all about?

English is everywhere: it's the television we watch in the evening; it's the leaflets that come through our letter box; it's the adverts we see on the side of buses. It's even more than that: it's how we communicate and understand each other and this is why it is seen as such an important qualification.

Through the study of English Language, students will follow a varied curriculum where they will hone their analytical and interpretative skills. They will be exposed to a range of texts and also practise their ability to communicate verbally in a variety of contexts. However, at the basis of the course are the key literacy skills that underpin our ability to understand and communicate accurately.

### Exam (100%)

#### Paper 1 – Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

Section A: Reading (based on one unseen literary text)

Section B: Writing (descriptive or narrative writing)

#### Paper 2 – Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

Section A: Reading (one unseen non-fiction text and one unseen literary non-fiction text)

Section B: Writing (writing to present a viewpoint)

In addition, students will have their speaking and listening skills assessed as a separate endorsement (this will not contribute to their overall grade).

## CASE STUDY

*Isabel, Year 11*

*My favourite part of the course has been developing my understanding on how political parties have evolved through reading and analysing An Inspector Calls.*

*In the future I would like to be a journalist or an author. Studying English Language has helped me to understand texts more and how to analyse them. I also now know more about the changing views on feminism.*

*I would advise students starting GCSE English to read more at home as this will help understanding and vocabulary.*

**EXAMINATION BOARD:** AQA (8700)

**ASSESSMENT DETAILS:** Examination 100%

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