

ENGLISH – Y9 Transition

GCSE English Language and Literature enable you to develop the skills to read, understand and analyse texts for your enjoyment, for your studies, but also to fully engage with the world around you. As well, they will help you to write clearly, coherently and accurately using a range of vocabulary and sentence structures. English Language focuses on enhancing your oral skills, too, making sure your voice is heard both in the classroom and in society.

GCSE English Language is an important foundation for many of the courses you may take in employment or further education, and a requirement for many university courses. It is a core subject, which helps you to develop your powers of self-expression and improve your reading and writing that are crucial to navigating life beyond the classroom.

You will have two English Language and two English Literature lessons a week.

<p>Preparation</p>	<p>Gain enjoyment from reading: Reading is a way to travel through place and time and meet new characters along the way. Spend the summer trying to read new material. Choose a new popular book from a genre you enjoy; read a classic novel; browse news websites online for engaging articles or even read some poetry. potential recommendations for reading</p> <p>Watch some drama: Ideally go and see a play or watch a play at home. Consider how actors bring characters to life and how the staging is used to make the audience respond. https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/categories/arts/featured</p> <p>Develop your creative writing: Sit outside and make notes on what is around you – consider all five senses. Try and craft your notes into an engaging description of the natural world. Or if you prefer to write stories, take some time to do that. Plan your plot and write a short story for others to enjoy.</p> <p>Be a critical voice: Watch the latest news and consider your views on the events that interest you. Aim to write a short article to express your views and motivate your reader to agree with you.</p>	
<p>Overview of course</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Exam Board: AQA ✓ External exams: GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature ✓ Content: GCSE English Language: fiction, non-fiction, creative writing and persuasive writing. GCSE English Literature: 'A Christmas Carol', 'Macbeth', drama and poetry. 	
<p>Short term focus: Term 1</p>	<p>GCSE English Language: In the September of Y10 we start with writing to describe. Practise describing what you see in the summer – pay attention to the natural world and its beauty.</p> <p>GCSE English Literature: In the September of Y10 we start with 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens. You could read this short book to get ahead: A Christmas Carol audiobook</p>	
<p>Careers & Suitability</p>	<p>This course will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Broaden your reading of fiction: novels, drama and poetry ✓ Engage you in debate about current affairs ✓ Hone your critical thinking skills analysing non-fiction texts ✓ Develop your creative and persuasive writing skills ✓ Build your confidence and oral ability 	<p>Careers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ journalist ✓ copywriter ✓ teacher ✓ marketing executive ✓ editor ✓ museum curator ✓ author ✓ librarian ✓ publisher ✓ web editor ✓ social media manager

