

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Qualification:	GCSE
Available to:	All students
Awarding Body:	AQA (Lang) Edexcel (Lit)

OVERVIEW

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Students will study a range of writing, both fictional and non-fictional, and learn to analyse and evaluate extracts from different texts. As well as this, students will also learn to write in a range of forms producing imaginative creative writing pieces of their own. Speaking and Listening skills will be assessed through activities involving discussion and presentation.

Students will study the following four units:

- * 19th Century Fiction
- * Imaginative Writing
- * Transactional writing from the 20th and 21st century
- * Transactional Writing

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Within English Literature, students will study books, plays and poems from different times in history and from different countries and cultures in the world. Students will learn about characters, themes, ideas and techniques in preparation for examination.

Students will study all four of the following areas:

- * Shakespeare
- * Post-1914 Literature
- * 19th Century Novel
- * Poetry since 1789

DETAIL

COURSE OVERVIEW

All students will take English Language and English Literature GCSEs. These qualifications are designed to inspire and motivate students, providing appropriate academic challenge whilst ensuring that the assessment and texts are, as far as possible, accessible to all students. These qualifications are graded under the new 1-9 system.

POST 16 OPPORTUNITIES

These GCSE courses are excellent preparation to study English Language, English Literature or Media at A level.

A qualification in English is essential to numerous career areas: teaching, journalism, the media in general or even the legal profession. If you are considering a course in teaching, it is essential to have GCSE English at a minimum grade of Grade 5 under the new system.

ASSESSMENT

English Language

Two terminal examinations covering fictional and non-fictional/transactional reading and writing as well as an internally assessed endorsement for speaking and listening.

English Literature

Two terminal examinations covering a variety of prose, poetry and drama texts.