

# **PARK CAMPUS ACADEMY**

## **English KS4**

### **YR 10/11**

**2020-2021**

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## Introduction

Welcome to Park Campus Academy's School English department for 2020-2021. We pride ourselves in having a curriculum that is rich and diverse ensuring our curriculum equips our learners for the world beyond Park Campus Academy. To this aim we offer 2 English qualifications in Year 10/11.

- **Functional Skills level 1 and 2**
- **GCSE English language 1-9**

## **Structure of Key Stage 4**

### **Qualifications on offer at Key Stage 4**

#### **In Year 10/11 we offer GCSE -English Language.**

At Park Campus our awarding bodies are: AQA & Pearson's - Level 1 and 2. With AQA being the largest GCSE/A level exam board in the United Kingdom we continue to provide our learners with qualifications that are nationally recognised. Our other awarding body is Pearson's, which is one of the second largest awarding bodies in the United Kingdom, having being endorsed by the Department for Education (*DFE*). We aim to offer our learners a rich and diverse curriculum.

## Exams

### **AQA ENGLISH GCSE**

#### **Year 10/11**

Exams from: June 2017 onwards

Specification code: 8700

GLH- 120

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Grading- 9 is the best/highest grade old A\*  
Grade 4- is the expected standard old C grade

## Note

There are no coursework or Controlled Assessment elements students will sit their final examinations in both subjects Reading and Writing at the end of the two-year course with Functional Skills this can be at any point the learner is ready.

## Key Papers

Exam for GCSE English Language Paper 1 (8700/1)  
Duration: 1h 45m  
50% of exam

Exam for GCSE English Language Paper 2 (8700/2)  
Duration: 1h 45m  
50% of exam

## Non-exam assessment submission

Learners will be asked to deliver a presentation in a formal context responding appropriately to questions and to feedback, asking questions themselves to elicit clarification

- identify and use spoken Standard English appropriate to context

## Overall

**At Park Campus our GCSE English Language qualification ensures our students are able to progress with the skills they need to read, write and analyse a wide range of different texts preparing them for life beyond Park Campus. Students will be able to progress to Further Education courses such as A' levels (KS5) or Apprenticeship programs ready for the world of work.**

**The AQA specification is designed to be taken over two years with all assessments taken at the end of the course. Certification for this specification is every May/June and November for the life of the AQA specification and must be completed in a single academic year.**

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## In English Language you will be taught

- non-fiction texts from the 19th, 20th and 21st century including writing formal and informal letters, diary entries and lively articles.
- how to analyse a range of non-fiction texts including Shakespeare's Macbeth, A Christmas Carol by Charles's Dickens and Stevenson's The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde
- how to write in a variety of forms such as narrative descriptions and argumentative essays
- developing presentation and discussion skills in front of an audience
- develop skills to – write to describe and narrate.
- produce and summarise texts that present a point of view.
- use a list of command vocabulary
- write effective and coherent texts using Standard English if appropriate
- use grammar correctly and punctuate and spell accurately
- read critically, with increased insight and awareness

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## Functional Skills Level 1 and 2

Guided Learning Hours level 1 (GLH) 55

Guided Learning Hours level 2 (GLH) 55

There are no coursework or Controlled Assessment elements

## Overall

Pearson's Edexcel qualifications are offered at levels 1 and 2 the qualification at Level 2 is equivalent to a Grade 4, which is weighted as worth half a GCSE.

Functional skills Level 1 is comparable to GCSE grades 1 – 3. Students are expected to pass Reading, Writing & Speaking & Listening exams to gain the qualification.

Functional Skills assess' student's subject knowledge and their ability to apply this knowledge to different contexts. Functional skills provide routes into employment and further technical education. Functional skills offer's learners to take their exams when they are ready. Its flexible structure means students can sit exams '**On demand**' in both 'Reading and Writing' at both levels at any point during the year.

Students will be expected to pass their 'Speaking & Listening' assessment although this component does not add to the overall weighting of the exam, it is compulsory that students pass this in order to be certified at any level.

## In Functional Skills English you will be taught

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- listen, understand and make relevant contributions to discussions with others in a range of contexts both formal and informal
- adapt their understanding of language to deliver coherent and cohesive texts using language to suit audience and purpose
- read a range of different text types such as instruction texts, reports and reviews confidently and fluently
- develop texts of varying complexity using logical links to sustain the readers interest, with accuracy and effectiveness.
- students will correct expand their vocabulary including language and linguistic terminology and apply this to their own writing
- students will learn a range of spelling techniques, punctuation marks both higher level and lower order and grammar precision
- students will develop their critical reading skills, reading with increased confidence and an awareness of the writer's craft and adapting their own style utilising this knowledge
- speak confidently in a range of contexts, ask probing questions and respect turn taking rights with an increased awareness of formality and reliable referencing.