



English Language and English Literature

AQA
8700 & 87002



What is this course about?

GCSE English Language is designed on the basis that students should read and be assessed on high-quality, challenging texts from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries.

The texts, across a range of genres and types, will support students in developing their own writing by providing effective models.

The specification will enable students of all abilities to develop the skills they need to read, understand and analyse a wide range of different texts covering the 19th, 20th and 21st century time periods as well as to write clearly, coherently and accurately using a range of vocabulary and sentence structures.

Transferable skills developed across the two subjects.



What will I learn?

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Language Paper 1 and 2

Reading and Writing Skills involving fiction and non-fiction texts (challenging texts from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries).

The reading sources act as stimulus for writing tasks, providing students with a clear route through each paper.

- Paper 1, *Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing*, looks at how writers use narrative and descriptive techniques to engage the interest of readers.
- Paper 2, *Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives*, looks at how different writers present a similar topic over time.
- Spoken Language Endorsement

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Literature Paper 1 and 2

Exams in essay style (close books) covering:

Macbeth by Shakespeare
A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
An Inspector Calls by JB Priestley
Poetry Anthology and Unseen Poetry



How will I be assessed?

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Language Paper 1 and 2

Reading and Writing Skills involving fiction and non-fiction texts:

Paper 1 – 1 hour 45 minutes

Paper 2 – 1 hour 45 minutes

Spoken Language Endorsement

This will be reported as a separate grade
(Pass, Merit, Distinction or Not Classified).

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Literature Paper 1

written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes

64 marks

40% of GCSE

Literature Paper 2

written exam: 2 hour 15 minutes

96 marks

60% of GCSE



Where could this course take me in the future?

It offers excellent preparation for AS and A-level English, as well as equipping students with essential life-skills and the best progression route to future employment.

Its transferable skills are relevant in any subjects you study.