

GCSE English Language

All pupils study separate GCSEs in English Language & English Literature with examinations at the end of Year 11.

GCSE English Language is an important qualification allowing you to demonstrate your use of English in real-life situations. English is invaluable for your future, no matter what you are aiming for. A good command of the spoken and written word will help you every day – and benefit all your other GCSEs too. Whatever you end up doing, *English is a 'must have' subject* for apprenticeships, college, university, work and life!

Exam Board

The examination board is Eduqas. More details are available at: <http://www.eduqas.co.uk/>

What Will I Study / What Skills Will I Develop?

You will:

- Learn how to write for different audiences and purposes, for example to persuade, entertain or review.
- Read a range of non-fiction texts, such as newspaper articles, and recognise how writers 'craft' their ideas.
- Take part in a range of Speaking and Listening activities, culminating in an individual presentation.

How Will I Be Assessed?

- 100% examination.
- Paper 1 (40% of your final mark) has 2 sections: Reading (20th Century novel extract) and Writing (creative).
- Paper 2 (60% of your final mark) has 2 sections: Reading (19th and 21st Century non-fiction extracts) and Writing (two tasks of a transactional nature i.e. persuasive /advice writing).

What Might GCSE English Language Lead To?

Success in this subject is vital for most career choices, not only will it provide you with crucial workplace skills, but it is also essential for the majority of post -16 courses. The skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening underpin successful study at all levels, and a proficiency in them can also add immeasurably to an individual's quality of life.

Other Information

- All students will take AQA GCSE English Literature alongside Language.