

What are the aims of this course?

The course is designed to inspire and motivate students, providing appropriate stretch and challenge whilst ensuring that assessment and texts are accessible to all. The course aims to develop the skills students need to read, understand and analyse a wide range of texts and to write in a well-structured and clear way.

What will I learn?

English Language at GCSE is similar to English at KS3. You will study a variety of texts and respond to them and you will write for many different purposes. English is full of fun and engaging activities and lessons will be active and interactive. During the course students will read and analyse a number of texts including short stories and nonfiction texts. Students will also be expected to write for a number of different purposes including writing to persuade, argue, and describe. The GCSE is about creativity and originality and therefore students will be encouraged to write and read in this way.

Course Outline

Unit Titles	Content	% Unit is Worth
Reading and understanding fiction	Paper 1 section A: Students will answer a series of questions on a 20th century fiction text and evaluate the methods the writer uses in their craft.	25%
Writing to describe/ imagine/ entertain	Paper 1 Section B: Students produce an extended piece of writing in response to stimulus.	25%
Reading and understanding nonfiction	Paper 2 Section A: Students will answer a series of questions on a 19th century and 21st century nonfiction text and evaluate and compare the methods the writers use in their craft.	25%
Writing to argue/ persuade	Paper 2 Section B: Students will produce an extended piece of writing in response to stimulus.	25%

Progression and Career Opportunities

You will need your English GCSE for everything that you choose to do when you leave school. The minimum requirement for any course or apprenticeship is a grade 5 in GCSE English Language.

To do A Level courses they often expect at least a grade 6 or above. English Language is useful for many A levels and journalism courses.

Related College Courses: A Level English Language and English Literature, A Level Media, BTEC Media, A Level Law and A Level Journalism.

All jobs require a GCSE in English Language.

Further Information

Specification link:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700>

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