

**Course Title:** English Language & Literature

**Course Code/Codes:** 8700 & 8702

**Examining Body:** AQA

### What are the aims of these courses?

In English at KS4, you will study two separate GCSEs: English Language and English Literature.

The aim of the Language course is to encourage students to develop their interest in and enjoyment of English as they:

- develop and apply their understanding of the concepts and methods appropriate for the analysis and study of language
- explore data and examples of language in use
- engage creatively and critically with a varied programme for the study of English
- develop their skills as producers and interpreters of language.

Through literature, students have a chance to develop culturally and acquire knowledge of the best that has been thought and written. Studying GCSE English Literature should encourage students to read widely for pleasure, and as a preparation for studying literature at a higher level. Courses based on this specification should also encourage students to:

- read a wide range of classic literature fluently and with good understanding, and make connections across their reading
- read in depth, critically and evaluatively, so that they are able to discuss and explain their understanding and ideas
- develop the habit of reading widely and often
- appreciate the depth and power of the English literary heritage
- acquire and use a wide vocabulary

English Language & Literature provide a strong foundation for analytical thinking, problem solving and the ability to think critically. It has shared features with History, RS, Drama and many other subjects meaning that you will gain skills that you can use across the curriculum.

### How will I be assessed?

**Paper 1 - Literature:** Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel

- Written exam: 1hr 45mins
- 40% of qualification

**Paper 2 - Literature:** Modern texts and poetry

- Written exam: 2hr 15mins
- 60% of qualification

**Paper 1 - Language:** Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

- Written exam: 1hr 45mins
- 50% of qualification

**Paper 2 - Language:** Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

- Written exam: 1hr 45mins
- 50% of qualification

### Possible career opportunities

There are a range of career choices open to you should you decide to continue your education in English. These include:

- Journalism
- Law
- Medicine
- Teaching



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