

Subject:	English Language
Level:	GCSE
Awarding Body:	AQA
Specification Code:	8700
Awarding Body website:	www.aqa.org.uk
ASSESSMENT:	
Controlled Assessment %:	0%
When will it be taken?	N/A
Examination %:	100%
When will it be sat?	May/June at end of Year 11
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Description

GCSE English Language enables pupils to read a range of texts critically and use knowledge gained from wide reading to inform and improve their writing. Pupils will build their skills as writers in order that they communicate ideas effectively and coherently using Standard English appropriately.

- Paper 1 will assess students' analysis of fiction texts and they will write a description or narrative.
- Paper 2 will assess students' analysis of non-fiction texts and will ask them to write to explain their point of view about a topic.

What will I learn?

- Pupils will gain an appreciation of how writers adapt their writing to suit different audiences and purposes.
- Pupils will develop confidence in structuring texts and using language to communicate meaning in both real-life and creative contexts.
- English Language develops pupils' analytical skills and hones their ability to express themselves fluently.

How will I be assessed?

There will be two examinations, taken at the end of Year 11. Both exam papers will test pupils' reading and writing skills. Candidates are required to respond to structured questions about prose and literary non-fiction texts. They will also be assessed on their skills as creative and transactional writers.

Pupils will also be required to complete one speaking and listening task. Their skills will be assessed in lessons and recorded on their certificate but the marks awarded do not contribute to the final grade.

Future Opportunities

Student would be able to go on and study this subject at A' Level.

Further Information

Students will be awarded two separate GCSE qualifications at the end of year 11. English Language and Literature will run concurrently.

Subject:	English Literature
Level:	GCSE
Awarding Body:	AQA
Specification Code:	8702
Awarding Body website:	www.aqa.org.uk
ASSESSMENT:	
Controlled Assessment %:	0%
When will it be taken?	N/A
Examination %:	100%
When will it be sat?	May/June at end of Year 11
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Description

GCSE English Literature allows pupils to demonstrate their ability to use English in an analytical approach to a range of texts. Throughout the course, pupils will read a range of texts from both contemporary and classic literature. Pupils will experience a range of literary genres and forms.

What will I learn?

- Pupils will explore contemporary and classic literature including the study of Shakespeare, drama, prose and poetry.
- Pupils will learn how to structure an essay
- Pupils will be well prepared for the demands of a closed text examination
- Analytical skills will be developed.

How will I be assessed?

There will be two examinations, taken at the end of Year 11.

- Paper 1 will assess the 19th Century novel and Shakespeare.
- Paper 2 will assess the modern text, studied poetry and unseen poetry.

Future Opportunities

English Literature can be studied at A' Level. The analysis skills compliment many other humanities subjects.

Further information

All pupils will be awarded two separate GCSE qualifications at the end of Year 11. Both English Language and English Literature are taught concurrently throughout Years 10 and 11. Candidates are not permitted to take copies of the texts into the exam with them.