

SUBJECT

English Language GCSE

DEPARTMENT

English

QUALIFICATION

GCSE Grades 9-1

EXAM BOARD

AQA



The GCSE course is a compulsory course. The set you are placed in is dependent on your prior attainment in English, as well as your potential in the subject.

How is the course assessed?

The course is linear and assessed by 100% examination. There is no coursework.

You will sit two exams in Year 11 and you will be assessed for your reading and writing skills.

NEA Spoken Language Assessment:

Students will also be assessed on their ability to communicate effectively for the NEA Spoken Language Assessment. Students will present a topic and then respond to questions and feedback. They will receive a Grade Pass, Merit or Distinction.

What subject specific topics are covered during the course?

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.

What are the expected outcomes from the course?

Students will develop their understanding of: the writer's craft, reading for meaning, the writer's choice of linguistics, analysis of structure, form and content. Students will also have the appropriate literacy and oracy skills to be able to further their education or to pursue other career opportunities.

What can students use the course for?

Upon successful completion of the course, students can continue to study English at A Level and then at university. The ability to communicate effectively both written and orally is very useful in the world of work as well as life in general. Specific career routes may include teaching, journalism, politics, law, media, advertising and PR.