



GCSE

English Language



This is a compulsory course for all pupils.

Why study English Language?

The study of English Language provides opportunities for the exploration and analysis of how writers craft their language to create intended effects. You will study the way that the English Language is used across a range of different genres and time periods. You will identify, analyse and compare how writers use both linguistic and structural methods to serve a range of purposes and evaluate the effect of these methods on the reader. You will develop your own skills as a writer and hone your craft. You will learn how to successfully use a variety of methods, across a range of genres, to engage a reader and serve a variety of purposes.

Exam Board:



Overview of course content (specification code: 8700)

Themes Studied

You will prepare to respond to unseen texts in the examinations by studying a range of fiction and non-fiction texts from different periods. This will enable you to become confident in the skills required to analyse writers' methods. You will be assessed on your ability to evaluate, analyse, compare and synthesise.

Throughout the course, you will explore the following:

Reading

In this section of the course, you will identify and interpret a range of methods employed by a writer to convey their ideas in a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts.

Writing

Within the writing component, you will learn how to write effectively for different purposes and audiences as well as how to craft your writing for effect.

Spoken Language

You will complete a Spoken Language Endorsement where you will prepare and deliver in front of an audience a spoken presentation on a topic of your choice.

Examination and Assessment

Examination	% of GCSE
Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing Exam duration: 1 hour 45 minutes (80 marks)	50%
Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives Exam duration: 1 hour 45 minutes (80 marks)	50%
Non-examination Assessment: Spoken Language Assessed on presenting, responding to questions and feedback and use of Standard English.	N/A

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