



# ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND ENGLISH LITERATURE (Exam Board: AQA)



## WHY STUDY ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND ENGLISH LITERATURE?

The study of English Language and Literature focuses on the development of skills through exploration of a variety of 19<sup>th</sup> century, 20<sup>th</sup> century, 21<sup>st</sup> century texts, Shakespeare, and poetry. The courses are enriched with opportunities for detailed analysis, inference and deep understanding of varied texts and help in the development of many skills which will help underpin success across all GCSE qualifications. Success in English might lead to careers in journalism, teaching, advertising and marketing.

## COURSE CONTENT & ASSESSMENT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE

All texts in the examination will be unseen.

### Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

#### What's assessed

Section A: Reading – one literature fiction text  
Section B: descriptive or narrative writing

#### How its assessed

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 80 Marks
- 50% of GCSE

### Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

#### What's assessed

Section A: Reading – one non-fiction text and one literacy non-fiction text  
Section B: writing to present a viewpoint

#### How its assessed

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 80 Marks
- 50% of GCSE

## Non-examination Assessment: Spoken Language

#### What's assessed

Presenting  
Responding to questions and feedback  
Use of Standard English

#### How its assessed

- Teacher set throughout course
- Marked by teacher
- Separate endorsement (0% weighting of GCSE)



## **COURSE CONTENT & ASSESSMENT: ENGLISH LITERATURE**

Students will be assessed on the following texts which will be studied over the course of Years 9 -11

- Macbeth
- An Inspector Calls
- Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde
- Power and Conflict Poetry

In addition, students will be assessed on a piece of 'Unseen Poetry.'

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

#### What's assessed

- Shakespeare's Macbeth
- Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

#### How its assessed

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 64 Marks
- 40%of GCSE

### **Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry**

#### What's assessed

- Modern prose of drama texts
- The poetry anthology
- Unseen poetry

#### How its assessed

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 96 Marks
- 60%of GCSE

