



# English Language (GCSE)



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## Why study English?

English is a gateway subject for which you will need to achieve at least one Grade 4 to access many apprenticeships, college courses or be considered for many careers. In addition, it helps you develop key communication skills which will help you throughout your life.

## What key knowledge, concepts and skills will I learn?

- develop your speaking and listening skills
- communicate your own ideas effectively
- understand how others' communicate and how they seek to influence and achieve effects through language choices
- develop your creativity

## What attitudes and qualities are required to do well?

To succeed in English you will need to develop your independent learning and research skills. You must build your confidence and be prepared to approach all texts and challenges with determination. In addition to improving your analytical skills, you will also get the chance to demonstrate your public speaking skills, creativity and imagination.

## **How will I be assessed?**

100% examination (2 papers)

Students follow the **AQA English Language GCSE specification**.

**English Language** papers require students to respond to three unseen texts from the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries, analysing and, at times, comparing writers' crafts.

They must also demonstrate their writing skills, producing well-crafted pieces of narrative or descriptive writing in paper 1 and presenting a viewpoint in paper 2.

In addition, students must complete a spoken language assessment which will be certified separately and does not contribute to their final grade.

## **What other subjects link to this course?**

English Language will help you to achieve in all the other literacy based subjects: English Literature, Religious Studies, History, Geography, Business Studies, Science etc

## **What career options are open to me?**

Getting a grade 4 or above in English will enable you to access a multitude of apprenticeships, A Levels, BTECs etc.

People who do well in English go on to careers in all industries including: financial, media & journalism, civil service, law, PR, police etc.

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