



English Literature

(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 an understanding of classic Literature texts
- develop your speaking and listening skills
- communicate your own ideas effectively
- understand writers' methods, how they employ language and structure to communicate and convey ideas
- understand how context affects the construction of texts and how they are understood

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.

How will I be assessed?

100% examination (2 papers)

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

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Paper 1 - assesses students' responses to Shakespeare (Macbeth) and 19th Century texts (A Christmas Carol).

Paper 2 – assesses students' responses to modern prose or drama (An Inspector Calls) and poetry (15 from anthology), both seen and unseen.

What other subjects link to this course?

English Literature will help you to achieve in all the other literacy based subjects: English Language, 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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