

# English Language

GCSE – AQA

Subject Leader: Mrs Perry

## What's it all about?

English Language is about unlocking the skills you will need for all other subjects in school. You will learn to read and interrogate a text, analyse language and write coherent and structured work. Additionally, you will develop your imagination for writing and speaking and listening. This course will help you to develop an enjoyment of reading a range of interesting and varied texts.

## Who should take it?

All students will study the English Language course – it is a core subject.

## What will I learn on this course?

**Reading:** Students will be expected to read and analyse a range of literary texts, literary non-fiction and transactional writing. They will synthesise ideas and information; identify and interpret themes, ideas and characters; analyse language, structure and form and use evidence to support and justify their point of view and inferences.

**Writing:** Students will be expected to write accurately, fluently and at length for a range of different purposes and audiences. They will select vocabulary, grammar, form and structural and organisational features to reflect audience, purpose and context. They will further develop their ability to evaluate and reflect upon their own writing, restructuring their writing and amending its grammar and vocabulary to improve coherence, consistency, clarity and overall effectiveness.

## Speaking and Listening

Although no longer assessed as part of their final GCSE, students will still be assessed in this crucial skill. They develop their ability to speak confidently, audibly and effectively in a range of different contexts and for a range of different purposes and audiences.

## Breakdown of the course: External Examination (100%)

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

1 hour 45 minutes (50% of GCSE)

**Paper 2:** Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

1 hour 45 minutes (50% of qualification)

**Non-examination Assessment:** Spoken Language (the new name for speaking and listening)

Non-exam assessment - Unweighted

## Who can I contact for further information?

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