

English Language and English Literature



Qualification: GCSE (grade 9-1)

English is a popular subject amongst our students and a subject which has celebrated many achievements.

English Language is an essential part of our everyday lives and without it we would not be able to communicate. English will appeal to you if you like reading and exploring a range of authors and genres. You will be able to analyse texts written in the past and present; looking at the ways the authors have used the time they are writing in to influence their ideas and appeal to the reader. In this subject, you will learn about the way others write and explore your own creative writing ability, as well as understanding the developments and variations of the spoken word.

Course Content

The English Language course includes the study and analysis of 19th Century, 20th Century and 21st Century written language, using written language (including writing non-fiction and transactional texts) and creative writing.

The English Literature course includes the study and analysis of Shakespeare, 20th Century Prose, a Poetry Anthology which includes 18 poems, Post 1914 Modern Drama, 19th Century Prose and Unseen Poetry.

We follow the GCSE AQA exam board for the English Language course and GCSE Eduqas exam board for the English Literature course.

Assessment

Students will receive two grades: one English Language grade and one English Literature grade. All students are now assessed by using a numerical grading system of 9-1.

Progression – Sixth Form / Further Education / Careers

We are a very popular subject at A level and our continuing success at KS5 is reflected in the grades achieved.