

ENGLISH

In English, students will study for English Language and English Literature GCSE.

Type of Qualification: GCSE

How it is assessed: **English Language GCSE** 100% External Examination

English Literature GCSE 100% External Examination

Course Overview:

Students will study English Language and English Literature leading to two separate GCSEs. A wide range of texts are covered, including prose, poetry, drama and various non-fiction texts from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries.

- Broadly, the aim of the GCSE English Language course is to develop the skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening. Students are encouraged, through a variety of teaching methods, to: communicate accurately, appropriately and effectively in speech and writing and to understand and respond imaginatively to what they hear, read and experience in a variety of media.
- The aim of the GCSE English Literature course is to develop an informed personal response to a range of texts in the genres of prose, poetry, and drama. Students are encouraged to become critical readers of fiction and non-fiction prose, poetry and drama. Students will experience different times, cultures, viewpoints and situations as found in literary texts and explore how texts from different cultures and traditions may reflect or influence values, assumptions and sense of identity.

Post 16 and Career opportunities:

There are very few careers where you will not need English skills which are transferable and highly valued in many occupations. English can lead to careers in law, the media, public services, retail, medical services or academic service. GCSE English Language is required for many further education college courses as well as modern apprenticeships. It is vital for any students wishing to take A Levels in any subjects. Students will focus on becoming mature and reflective readers, writers and speakers to help them navigate the modern world.