

GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

ABOUT THE SUBJECT:

English Language and English Literature are two separate GCSEs studies as part of one combined subject. Students are assessed in the un-tiered, closed book examinations Grades 1—9.KS4 focuses on both language and literature and sometimes uses literature texts as vehicles for studying language skills. Specifically, year by year, students will study:

- Year 9: students begin their study of the 'Conflict' anthology of poems for GCSE Literature. Students will also complete their Spoken Endorsement this year, an additional certification grading their oracy and presentation skills.
- Year 10: Priestley's 'An Inspector Calls' and Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' are both taught this year. Students also prepare for Language Paper 1 before revising the 'Conflict' cluster and studying 'Unseen' poetry at the end of the year.
- Year 11: Paper 2 is taught. Students also study their final Literature text, Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol'. Students then return to all exam papers in both Literature and Language. Skills are revised and honed in preparation for the final GCSE.

WHAT WILL I LEARN TO DO?

You will learn a range of skills including how to read and analyse a wide range of texts from an anthology of poems to Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'. You will also explore how meaning is created in a variety of texts from different eras. You will learn how to develop complex analytical ideas through meaningful discussion in formal and informal contexts. You will also learn how to translate these complex analytical ideas into clearly expressed, confident essays on a wide range of different subjects, as diverse as Charles Dickens, Shakespeare, 19th, 20th and 21st Century texts.

WHAT SKILLS DO I NEED?

- Fluent reading and writing skills
- The ability to develop and communicate your ideas clearly through discussion
- Extended writing skills
- The ability to analyse text
- The ability to learn and use textual evidence to support your ideas
- The ability to convey complex ideas in a range of informal and formal contexts, such as discussion and essay writing

ASSESSMENT

English will be assessed in the following ways:

English Language written examinations = 100% of the final grade for English Language is examined in two written papers

English Literature written examinations = 100% for the final grade for English Literature is examined in two written papers.

Spoken Language Endorsement = Will be awarded as a separate grade on you certificate

BEYOND YEAR 11

English Language and Literature can be studied at A-Level, degree and far beyond. Qualifications in English may open the door to a wide variety of jobs in many different areas, involving such skills as team work, creativity, independent thinking and problem solving.

CAREERS: Journalist, Lawyer, Film/Theatre Director, Public Relations Executive, Author, Newsreader, Politician, Actor, Architect, Creative Director, Scriptwriter, Teacher, Customer Service, Advertising, Proof Reader, Editor, Retail and