

Core Subjects: English Language & English Literature

English study engages our students with the world around them. Students have the opportunity to read and write texts that are relevant to their own life experiences as well as exploring a range of literary texts.



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Do I need to have certain qualities/skills to do this subject?

We expect our students to:

- Give personal opinions about the texts they read and support those ideas with relevant textual evidence.
- Explain how writers achieve effects in a range of texts.
- Write extended responses in a range of genres and in an interesting and engaging way.
- Display a mature and purposeful attitude to their learning.

What will I learn?

Students will study both English Language and English Literature.

In English Language, students will explore a range of both fiction and non-fiction texts, developing their reading skills to explore how writers use language and structure to convey perspective and meaning. In non-fiction writing, they will learn to develop their skills in how to write for different audiences and purposes, expressing ideas clearly and precisely. They will also develop their creative writing skills, crafting their use of language to create effects for their reader.

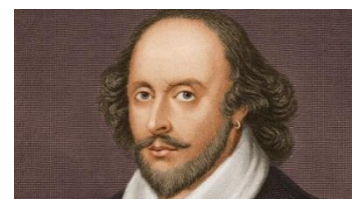
In English Literature, students will study a range of literary fiction. Texts studied will include a Shakespeare play (Romeo and Juliet), a 19th century novel (A Christmas Carol), a modern contemporary drama text (Blood Brothers) and a selection of poetry. Students will show their understanding of literary heritage whilst exploring meaning and writers' use of literary devices. Students will also develop critical reading skills, making comparisons within and between texts.

Does this lead to a qualification?

Students will be awarded **two** separate GCSEs in English Language and English Literature, accredited by the Examination Board AQA, graded using the new 9-1 numerical grade system. They will also receive an endorsement for their use of spoken language.

How is this qualification assessed?

Both English Language and English Literature are externally assessed at the end of the course. The examinations are weighted at 100% of the final grade awarded.



The English Language course has two examinations:

Paper 1 – Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing (1 hour 45 minutes)

Paper 2 – Writer's Viewpoints and Perspectives (1 hour 45 minutes)

The English Literature course has two examinations:

Paper 1 – Shakespeare and the 19th century novel (1 hour 45 minutes)

Paper 2 – Modern Texts and Poetry (2 hours 15 minutes)

What can I do with this qualification?

As you can see, English Language and English Literature study is extensive, opening up many opportunities for future learning and career choices. You could go on to study A Level English Language and Literature which could lead to a wide variety of careers in media, theatre, teaching, journalism, radio broadcasting and advertising. English study really *is* the world around us.