

Name of course: GCSE English Language

Examination board: AQA

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How the course is assessed:

100% examination

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

What's assessed?

Section A: Reading

- one literature fiction text

Section B: Writing

- descriptive or narrative writing

Assessed

- written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 80 marks
- 50% of GCSE

Paper 2: Writers Viewpoints and Perspectives

What's assessed?

Section A: Reading

- one non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text

Section B: Writing

- writing to present a viewpoint

Assessed

- written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 80 marks
- 50% of GCSE

Spoken language

Outline of course:

The English Language specification is designed to inspire and motivate students to explore different elements of language. The two examinations are centered around challenging non-fiction and fictional texts. Students will be working to develop their interpretational and analytical skills over the course of the GCSE by reading a range of texts that have shaped and inspired generations of authors. The reading element will act as a springboard for students to develop their own writing and voice, with numerous opportunities for students to write a plethora of different texts from blogs to broadsheet articles.

Potential career pathways that could lead on from this course:

Where to start? **every** job will require some elements of English, but here are some for English lovers

- Digital copywriter
- Editorial assistant
- English as a foreign language teacher
- Lexicographer
- Magazine journalist
- Newspaper journalist
- Publishing copy-editor/proof reader
- Writer
- Academic librarian
- Advertising account executive
- Advertising copywriter
- Arts administrator
- Primary school teacher
- Records manager
- Secondary school teacher
- Social media manager
- Blogger

