

English Language

GCSE

General Information

This is an interesting and stimulating one year course which involves a practical, skills-based and academic approach to language.

You are encouraged to develop your interest in the use of English, through learning more about its structures and functions, its development and variations.

You will learn to express yourself with increasing competence and sophistication, encounter a wide range of texts, and develop skills of critical and active listening



Entry requirements

Most students who have not achieved a grade C or above in GCSE (or equivalent in GCSE) in English Language will go into a GCSE class.



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Course content

We follow the AQA GCSE English Language course which focuses on descriptive or narrative fiction texts and current and literary non-fiction texts.

Useful / common subject combinations

In most cases, employers and universities will expect students to have GCSE English at grade C or above (or equivalent at GCSE).

It is vital for employability to be able to communicate ideas clearly in written and spoken English and understand information conveyed by others.

How it is taught

Teaching will be through whole class, group, paired and individual activities. Daytime students will have four lessons a week.

In the first term and a half, emphasis will be on consolidating skills which will enhance students' reading and writing.

There will also be the preparation and delivery of a presentation which will form the speaking and listening component.

After this, students will prepare for the actual exam in June.

Examination details

Paper title	Duration	Date
Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing	2 hours 15 mins	June
Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives	2 hours 15 mins	June

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