

Key Stage 4 English Programme of Study

We follow the AQA GCSE courses - English Language (8700) and English Literature (8702).

Both GCSEs are taught together across KS4 but are assessed by four exams at the end of the two years – two for English Language and two for Literature.

English Language:

Paper 1 : Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing	Paper 2: Writer's Viewpoints and Perspectives	Non-examination Assessment: Spoken Language
What's assessed Section A: Reading one literature fiction text Section B: Writing descriptive or narrative writing	What's assessed Section A: Reading one non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text Section B: Writing writing to present a viewpoint	What's assessed (AO7–AO9) Presenting and responding to questions and feedback. Use of Standard English
Assessed written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes 80 marks 50% of GCSE	Assessed written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes 80 marks 50% of GCSE	Assessed teacher set throughout course marked by teacher separate endorsement (0% weighting of GCSE)
Questions Reading (40 marks) (25%) – one single text 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks) 2 longer form questions (2 x 8 marks) 1 extended question (1 x 20 marks)	Questions Reading (40 marks) (25%) – two linked texts 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks) 2 longer form questions (1 x 8, 1 x 12 marks) 1 extended question (1 x 16 marks)	
Writing (40 marks) (25%) 1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)	Writing (40 marks) (25%) 1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)	

English Literature:

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19 th -century novel	Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry
What's assessed Shakespeare plays – Macbeth OR Merchant of Venice The 19th-century novel – Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde OR A Christmas Carol	What's assessed Modern prose or drama texts – An Inspector Calls The poetry anthology – Power and Conflict cluster Unseen poetry

<p>How it's assessed</p> <p>written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes</p> <p>64 marks</p> <p>40% of GCSE</p>	<p>How it's assessed</p> <p>written exam: 2 hour 15 minutes</p> <p>96 marks</p> <p>60% of GCSE</p>
<p>Questions</p> <p>Section A Shakespeare: students will answer one question on their play of choice. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the play and then to write about the play as a whole.</p> <p>Section B The 19th-century novel: students will answer one question on their novel of choice. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the novel and then to write about the novel as a whole.</p>	<p>Questions</p> <p>Section A Modern texts: students will answer one essay question from a choice of two on their studied modern prose or drama text.</p> <p>Section B Poetry: students will answer one comparative question on one named poem printed on the paper and one other poem from their chosen anthology cluster.</p> <p>Section C Unseen poetry: Students will answer one question on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem.</p>

Year 10:

AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2	SUMMER 2
Appearance and Perception		Do you see what I see?		Growing up		2 weeks
Jekyll and Hyde or A Christmas Carol		Paper 2 skills	Nature poetry and Paper 1 skills	An Inspector Calls		S&L

Year 11:

AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2
Power		Practice Makes Perfect		Exams	
Macbeth		Revision		Exams	