



English Language

Examination Board: AQA
Examination Code: 8700

Outline of the Course

You will learn about:

- Critical reading and comprehension
- Writing in a variety of styles
- Spoken Language

What will you learn?

Creative reading and writing: reading literary fiction and considering how established writers use narrative and descriptive techniques effectively; writing your own creative texts, responding to stimulus material.

Writers' viewpoints and perspectives: reading linked sources and evaluating perspectives or viewpoints; writing texts which express your own perspective on a theme.

Spoken language: non-examined assessment of speaking tasks including giving a formal presentation, responding to questions and using standard English.

How will I be assessed?

There are two terminal exams (3½ hours in total) :
Paper 1 (Creative reading and writing): 1¾ hours
Paper 2 (Writers' viewpoints and perspectives): 1¾ hours
Spoken language is continually assessed and will receive a separate award.

Mark Breakdown

Paper 1: 80 marks (50%)
Paper 2: 80 marks (50%)

Website links

www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse

Key Dates

Exams: May/June Year 11

Further Information

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What can I do after I have completed the course?

English Language is compulsory at GCSE. A good pass grade (Grade 5) is a compulsory entry requirement of most post-16 colleges, further education and higher education establishments, as well as for most post-16 study and employment /apprenticeships. English Language is also an important route into a number of careers where your ability to use and manipulate language is essential. Occupation such as Law, working for local and national government and working in the media are all examples of careers for which a qualification in English Language is useful.