



English Language

Examination Board: AQA

Examination Code: 8700

Outline of the Course

Topics studied in Year 10 (in order)

Paper 1: Explorations in creative writing
Paper 2: Writing from a viewpoint and perspectives

Topics studied in Year 11 (in order)

Paper 1: Explorations in creative reading
Paper 1: Explorations in creative writing
Paper 2: Writers' viewpoints and perspectives Analysis
Paper 2: Writers' viewpoints and perspectives Production

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. In year 10 students will present their own writing in a topic of their choice.

Mark Breakdown	Paper 1: 80 marks (50%) Paper 2: 80 marks (50%)
Website links	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-8700/specification
Key Dates	Exams: May/June Year 11
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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. Occupations such as Law, working for local and national government and working in business and the media are all examples of careers for which a qualification in English Language is useful.