

Overview

Our words help to make us what we are. Using language enables us to understand and communicate with each other and to make sense of our world. By developing our skills in English – reading, writing, speaking and listening – we become better equipped to make the most of our lives and opportunities.

It aims to provide students with the basic skills to enable further communication, emotional literacy and reflection of self, to both their peers and for employers.

Course overview

Paper 1: Explorations in creative reading and writing.

Paper 2: Writers' viewpoints and perspectives.

Speaking and Listening is credited as an extra endorsement.

NEA - Spoken Language

Assessment method

Examinations: 100%

There are two examinations. Each paper tests reading and writing skills equally. The examinations focus on reading extracts from the 19th, 20th and 21st century.

Students will also be required to submit a 10 minute presentation on a topic of choice as part of their spoken language contribution to the GCSE.

The value of English

GCSE English underpins all other subjects that students will study at GCSE and beyond. The course is a good foundation for further study in Sixth Form in any subject as well as University. Employers value the quality of written and verbal communication prospective candidates in this hold.

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Futures

In this day and age, communication and understanding of English is needed in every next step. Future career paths may include: Marketing, Journalism, Advertising and Social Media

Exam board

