

## 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



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Studying English Literature opens up the past, the present and the future. Imaginative writing by the best writers not only shows us how people 'work' – their thoughts, feelings, ambitions, motives, actions – but also helps us to explore how language itself 'works': how the choice of a word or phrase can change a meaning or change a life. 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.

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All examinations for English Literature are closed book which means they will not have a copy of the text before the exam. Students will be required to understand and revise aspects of each text to best prepare them for the exam.

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Paper 1 Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel Macbeth & Jekyll and Hyde

Paper 2 Modern texts and poetry  
An Inspector Calls, Poetry Comparison and Unseen Poetry.

## The value of Literature

The skills of GCSE English Literature underpins all other subjects that students will study at GCSE and beyond. By understanding the events and contexts of the past we learn to understand ourselves, the choices over others and the future. The course is a good foundation for further study in Sixth Form in any subject as well as University.

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