

English Language

Qualification	GCSE (AQA)
Course description	<p>GCSE English Language is a dynamic and engaging course which focuses on the skills of reading and writing, with speaking and listening now assessed separately.</p> <p>Students will read a variety of high quality, challenging texts from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries; these will be both fiction and nonfiction texts.</p> <p>As well as showing their comprehension and understanding of texts, students will learn how to produce their own pieces of writing, applying the skills they have learnt.</p>
Method of Assessment	<p>Students will be assessed through two examinations at the end of year 11.</p> <p>The examinations are not tiered, with students awarded a grade between 1 and 9.</p> <p>Both papers will assess students' reading and writing. Paper 1, Explorations in creative reading and writing will explore literature fiction texts, whilst paper 2, Writers' viewpoints and perspectives, will examine non-fiction texts. Students may, for example, read literary texts to consider how established writers use narrative and descriptive techniques to capture the interest of readers. They will then demonstrate their understanding of these skills by writing creatively in response to a written or visual prompt.</p> <p>Every opportunity exists for students to achieve their greatest potential in English, but the course is challenging and students must read widely and regularly at home.</p>
Further Study after Year 11	<p>English underpins all A Level subjects, including the Sciences and Maths, but particularly Politics, Law, History, Geography, Psychology, and any other academic essay-based subject where students have to construct and marshal an argument.</p>
Career Routes	<p>Public relations officer, information officer, literary agent, secretary/personal assistant, librarian, editor, teacher, lawyer, broadcaster, actor, creative writer, theatre director.</p>