



Rewarding Learning

GCSE
English
Language

STUDENT
GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

Studying English Language develops your communication skills, teaches you how to present with confidence and improves your writing skills. The use of the English Language is beneficial to all career paths, giving you skills that can be used in many different real life situations.

You will have the opportunity to read and explore a wide range of texts. This will help you to form independent views and learn how to challenge and argue your point of view.

WHY STUDY ENGLISH LANGUAGE?

Studying English Language will help you to engage with spoken and written language, allow you to explore texts, words and images and learn how to express opinions, form independent views and challenge ideas.

UNIQUE FEATURES OF THIS QUALIFICATION?

By studying English Language, you will be able to build on your skills and capabilities in using written and spoken language.

You will be given the opportunity, through the use of reading, to develop your skills as a writer.



WHAT WILL I STUDY?

UNIT ASSESSMENT	AREAS OF STUDY
Unit 1: Writing for Purpose and Audience and Reading to Access Non-Fiction and Media Texts	<p>You will engage with reading and writing tasks based on texts.</p> <p>This unit is assessed in a written examination lasting 1 hour 45 minutes, which is worth 30 percent of the overall GCSE qualification.</p>
Unit 2: Speaking and Listening	<p>You will complete an individual presentation and interaction, a discussion and a role play.</p> <p>This unit is assessed in three controlled assessment tasks worth 20 percent of the overall GCSE qualification.</p>
Unit 3: Studying Spoken and Written Language	<p>You will study the impact of spoken language and demonstrate knowledge of characters, themes and genres in literary texts.</p> <p>This unit is assessed in two controlled assessment tasks worth 20 percent of the overall GCSE qualification.</p>
Unit 4: Personal or Creative Writing and Reading Literary and Non-Fiction Texts	<p>You will engage with writing and reading tasks based on non-fiction texts.</p> <p>This unit is assessed in a written examination lasting 1 hour 45 minutes, which is worth 30 percent of the overall GCSE qualification.</p>



Unit 1

Writing for Purpose and Audience and Reading to Access Non-Fiction and Media Texts

30%



Unit 2

Speaking and Listening

20%



Unit 3

Studying Spoken and Written Language

20%



Unit 4

Personal or Creative Writing and Reading Literary and Non-Fiction Texts

30%

WHAT CROSS-CURRICULAR SKILLS, THINKING SKILLS AND PERSONAL CAPABILITIES WILL I DEVELOP?



Through this course you will:

- explore and respond, both imaginatively and critically, to a variety of texts;
- make oral and written summaries, reports and presentations;
- use ICT to access, manage, select and present information;
- set personal goals and targets to meet deadlines;
- learn from others, work towards collective goals and listen to others' opinions; and
- improve your problem-solving abilities by analysing and evaluating multiple perspectives through debate.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A QUALIFICATION IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE?

Studying English Language can lead to further study or a career in the media, such as journalist, editor or writer. Advertising and marketing are also options, with roles such as copywriter, public relations officer or researcher. With further study you could also consider a career in teaching or law.

