

# English GCSE Course Overview



## **English Language Paper One:**

### **Section A: Reading**

- One literature fiction text

### **Questions**

**Reading (40 marks)** one single text

- 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)
- 2 longer form questions (2 x 8 marks)
- 1 extended question (1 x 20 marks)

### **Section B: Writing (40 marks)**

- Descriptive or narrative writing
- 1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)

### **Assessment:**

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 80 marks
- **50% of GCSE**

## **English Language Paper Two:**

### **Section A: Reading**

- One non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text

**Reading (40 marks)**– two linked texts

- 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)
- 2 longer form questions (1 x 8, 1 x 12 marks)
- 1 extended question (1 x 16 marks)

### **Section B: Writing (40 marks)**

- Writing to present a viewpoint
- 1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)

### **Assessment:**

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 80 marks
- **50% of GCSE**

## **Non Examination Spoken Language:**

- Presenting
- Responding to questions and feedback
- Use of Standard English

Separate qualification gaining a Pass, Merit or Distinction.

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## English Literature Paper 1:

### **Section A**

Shakespeare (Macbeth) 30 marks + 4 SPAG

### **Section B**

The 19th-century novel (Jekyll and Hyde) 30 marks

Assessment:

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes

64 marks  
40% of GCSE

## English Literature Paper 2:

### **Section A**

Modern texts (An Inspector Calls) 30 marks + 4 SPAG

### **Section B**

Poetry (Power and Conflict) 30 marks

### **Section C**

Unseen poetry (two unseen poems) 24 marks q1 and 8 marks q2

Assessment:

Written exam: 2 hour 15 minutes

96 marks  
60% of GCSE

### **Revision Websites:**

BBC Bitesize  
Shmoop  
Thugnotes  
Sparknotes

There are also lots of informative video lessons for both English Literature and English Language on YouTube – just google what it is you're looking for.