

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE

**“The limits of my language mean the limits of my world.”- Ludwig Wittgenstein**

## *Content*

Throughout this two year course, students will employ many of the skills already familiar to them from KS3 such as inference, deduction and comprehension. Students will read an array of fiction and nonfiction texts from a variety of authors and time periods.

Paper 1, *Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing*, looks at how writers use narrative and descriptive techniques to engage the interest of readers. Whereas Paper 2, *Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives*, looks at how different writers present a similar topic over time.

Students will also be given an opportunity to prepare and present ideas to their peers in the form of discussions, debates and presentations with the aim at securing the Speaking and Listening element of this qualification. Details of this can be found below and on the AQA website: [Speaking and Listening Endorsement](#).

Alongside this, students are encouraged to read widely and regularly for pleasure and to help elevate their vocabulary and fuel their imaginations. Our KS4 recommended reading list can be found here: [KS4 Reading List](#)

## *Examinations*

### **English Language Paper 1: *Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing***

**Written exam:** 1 hour 45 minutes

**80 marks**

**50% of GCSE English Language**

**Section A: Reading** (40 marks)

- One literature fiction text

### Questions based on Literature extract

- **Q.1 List four things about...** (4 marks)
- **Q.2 How does the writer use language to...?** (8 marks)
- **Q.3 How has the writer structured the text to interest you as a reader?** (8 marks)
- **Q.4 In response to a statement, students are asked 'to what extent do you agree/disagree?'** (20 marks)

### Section B: Writing (40 marks)

- Descriptive or narrative writing

### Creative composition question based on extract in Section A

**An extended writing question with a theme and/or picture as a stimulus** (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)

### English Language Paper 2:

**Written exam:** 1 hour 45 minutes

**80 marks**

**50% of GCSE English Language**

### Section A: Reading (40 marks)

- One non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text linked by theme

### Questions based on non fiction extracts

- **Q.1 Choose four statements which are TRUE/FALSE** (4 marks)
- **Q.2 Use details from both sources to write a summary of what you understand about the similarities/difference of...** (8 marks)
- **Q.3 How does the writer use language to describe...?** (12 marks)
- **Q.4 Compare how the writers convey their different attitudes towards...** (16 marks)

### Section B: Writing (40 marks)

- Writing to present a viewpoint

**An extended writing question where students write in the form of a letter, essay, speech, newspaper article or text for a leaflet to argue, persuade, inform or persuade a reader of their viewpoint.** (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)

**Non Examination Spoken Language:**

Use of Standard English Separate qualification gaining a Pass, Merit or Distinction.

**Speaking:**

Students will be asked to organise and present a speech on a topic of their choice lasting between 3-6 minutes.

**Listening:**

Students will be expected to respond to questions confidently and with some development.

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***Revision Websites:***

- BBC Bitesize
- York Notes
- My Shakespeare
- 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.

***Reliable Youtubers include:***

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