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## Key Stage 3 : Key Stage 3 English Curriculum

**Range:** Years 7 – 8

**What will I study:** you will study the 3 skills of Reading, Writing and Spoken Language. Your course will cover:

- Poetry – contemporary and pre 20<sup>th</sup> century
- Fiction including novels and short stories from 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century writers
- Shakespeare
- non-fiction texts including speeches, reviews, articles from 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century writers
- World Literature texts (poetry and prose)
- Spoken language texts such as speeches and reviews with opportunities to develop your own skills and confidence in your spoken language and presentation abilities

**Assessment:** half termly assessments using AQA's KS3 examination papers

**Why is English important?** Being able to speak, read and write fluently is the key to success in all walks of life; good communication enables us to empathise with others and develop an appreciation for the experiences and feelings of others. The literature-rich curriculum helps you develop culturally and spiritually as well as hopefully encouraging you to develop a love of reading.

## English Language GCSE

**Board** AQA

**GCSE grades or equivalent:** 1 GCSE

**Assessment:** 100% exam

**What will I study?**

You will study a range of fiction and non-fiction extracts; you will look at 20<sup>th</sup> /21<sup>st</sup> century as well as 19<sup>th</sup> century extracts. You will need to compare texts for language use, writers' intentions and viewpoints and embark in lively discussion regarding a variety of current and relevant topics. You will also write your own extensive fictitious and non-fiction pieces.

## English Language Paper 1

Written exam:

1 hour 45 minutes

80 marks

50% of GCSE

## English Language Paper 2

Written exam:

1 hour 45 minutes

80 marks

50% of GCSE

Non examination Assessment – Spoken Language teacher set throughout course, marked by teacher separate endorsement (0% weighting of GCSE)

## **Potential careers:**

Journalism, publishing, Advertising, Teaching, Public Relations, Marketing, Civil Service, Librarianship, Law, Copywriting, Sales, Probation work, Health Service.

## English Literature GCSE

**Board** AQA

**GCSE grades or equivalent:** 1 GCSE

**How is it assessed? 100% exam.**

**What will I study?**

You will study a range of fiction texts to include one Shakespeare play, a 19<sup>th</sup> century novel, a modern play or novel and a range of poems. You will engage with the texts in a variety of exciting in interesting ways including live performance, video and audio clips. You will also engage in lively discussion and debate.

## Literature paper 1

written exam:

1 hour 45 minutes - 64 marks

40% of GCSE

## Literature paper 2

written exam:

2 hour 15 minutes - 96 marks

60% of GCSE

## **Potential careers:**

Journalism, publishing, Advertising, Teaching, Public Relations, Marketing, Civil Service, Librarianship, Law, Copywriting, Sales, Probation work, Health Service.