

Welcome



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Overview of the GCSE English Curriculum

Students will be gaining **two** GCSEs:

- **English Language (2 exams)**
- **English Literature (2 exams)**

English Language

- 2 exams
- Both papers test reading and writing skills.
- Paper 1: 40 marks Reading and 40 marks for writing.
- Paper 2: 40 marks Reading and 40 marks for writing.

English Literature

2 exams

Paper 1:

- **Shakespeare play:** *Macbeth*
- **The 19th-century novel:** Robert Louis Stevenson *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*

Paper 2:

- Modern prose or drama texts
- The poetry anthology
- Unseen poetry

Comparison of new and old scales

New grading scale	Old grading scale
9	20% of those achieving grade 7 & above
8	
7	A
6	
5	B/C
4	C
3	
2	
1	G

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Coursework

Overview:

- A speech – marked for writing
- A piece of creative or descriptive work – marked for writing
- A letter responding to a newspaper article – marked for reading and writing

Weighting: 40%

Units being covered

English Literature:

Heroes or Pride and Prejudice

An Inspector Calls or View From the Bridge

Unseen poetry

Revision of *Of Mice and Men*

Preparation for English Language exam

English Language:

Exam practice and technique

Speaking and Listening preparation and assessment

AO1:

Identify explicit information or ideas

Synthesis of explicit and implicit ideas and information.

Paper 1

Question 1: Usually asks to list 4 things based on an extract.
For example: Read paragraph 2 of the article *Gardner's for life* and:

- List 4 things that gardeners have to do before they plant crops.

(4 marks)

Paper 2

Question 1 and 2: True or False statements...

(4 marks)

Write a summary...

(8 marks)

AO2:

Explain, comment, analyse

Paper 1

Question 2: How does the writer's use of language...

(8 marks)

Question 3: How does the writer structure...

(8 marks)

Paper 2

Question 3: How does the writer's use of language...

(12 marks)

AO3:

Compare writers' ideas and perspectives, and how they are conveyed.

Paper 1	Paper 2
Not tested	Question 4: How the writers present... (16 marks)

AO4: Evaluate texts critically

Paper 1	Paper 2
To what extent do you agree? (20 marks)	Not tested

Writing AO5/6:

1. Communicate clearly
2. Organise information
3. Use a range of vocabulary and sentences
4. Accurate spelling and punctuation

Paper 1	Paper 2
Descriptive or narrative writing (40 marks)	Students write about their own views (40 marks)

Paper 1 ~ How it's assessed

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- **64 marks**
- 40% of GCSE

Paper 1 ~ Questions

- **Section A Shakespeare:** students will answer **one** question on their play of choice. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the play and then to write about the play as a whole.
- **Section B The 19th-century novel:** students will answer **one** question on their novel of choice. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the novel and then to write about the novel as a whole.

Paper 2 ~ How it's assessed

- Written exam: 2 hour 15 minutes
- **96 marks**
- 60% of GCSE

Paper 2 ~ Questions

- **Section A Modern texts:** students will answer one essay question from a choice of two on their studied modern prose or **drama text** (*An Inspector Calls*).
- **Section B Poetry:** students will answer one comparative question on one named poem printed on the paper and one other poem from their chosen anthology cluster (*Love and relationships*).
- **Section C Unseen poetry:** Students will answer one question on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem.

All the Best year 10.....

It will be an amazing and successful journey!!

