

Subject:
English Language (1 GCSE)

How will I be assessed?

In-class assessment and trial examinations will be continuous throughout the three years.

The qualification is 100% examination as follows:

English Language Paper 1: Reading and Writing Fiction (1 hour 45 minutes)

English Language Paper 2: Reading and Writing Non-Fiction (1 hour 45 minutes)

Spoken Language presentation – a short speech / presentation / interview on a subject of your choice (between 3 and 5 minutes long).

What will I learn?

You will learn how to communicate in different environments and in different situations with different audiences. This is related to reading skills, writing skills, and verbal communication too.

Your reading skills will be applied to short extracts from narratives (short stories and novels) to understand writers' language choices and the way in which they structure their texts. You will also read and show your comprehension of texts such as letters, articles, and blogs from a variety of time periods, ranging from the 19th century to present day. Terminology knowledge is also very important, but so is enjoyment of reading!

Writing skills will be assessed such as the ability to write for a specific purpose, audience and in the correct format, as well as using correct structure such as paragraphing and sentence structure. You will write your own stories, pieces of description, as well as more real-life situations such as letters of application and newspaper articles.

Punctuation and spelling will also be taught and assessed, counting for nearly a quarter of your overall marks.

Why is this subject valuable?

The English disciplines are subjects you must pass at GCSE, but it is so much more than just something you have to do. The skills taught in whole class and small group discussion, as well as the ability to read and write independently, mean that you should leave the academy well equipped to deal with a variety of circumstances in the world of work, and in society. Communication is key, whether it be written, typed, or spoken, as well as the ability to understand surface and underlying meanings.

Also, if you want to carry on to study Post-16 subjects such as English, History, Psychology, or Film Studies, it is useful from a communication and essay writing angle.

Career choices where this subject would be valuable:

A good grasp of English is important in all aspects of life. However, this qualification will be especially useful for career choices such as teaching, working with children and vulnerable adults, journalism, retail, hospitality, theatre, and anything where you need to deal with people.