

Year 9 Options

Information Guide

GCSE English Language and English Literature

English Language

Whether spoken or written, effective communication is essential in all situations and walks of life. This practical GCSE subject gives students an understanding of the principles for making themselves clear and understood together with the practice of those crucial listening skills. Students will be exposed to a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts which will enhance their ability to infer and analyse text. This qualification is vital for college and apprenticeship applications and is usually an essential requirement for employers no matter what the job!

Subject Specific Skills:

- Reading
- Writing
- Speaking and Listening
- Inference
- Language Analysis
- Questioning

Transferable Skills:

- Confidence Building
- Communication
- Time Management
- Employability
- Life Skills
- Teamwork
- Imagination/Creativity



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English Literature

Gaining a GCSE in English Literature is vital for future career progression and a minimum requirement for many further education courses. It is a subject that inspires a life-long love of reading and even those who begin the course with the aim of improving their reading skills, could end up becoming a bookworm! This qualification enhances reading comprehension and understanding of a range of texts including how they fit into our social and historical landscape. It's not all about Shakespeare!

Subject Specific Skills:

- Reading Comprehension
- Writing
- Debating
- Inference
- Language Analysis
- Questioning
- Critical Theory
- Evaluation

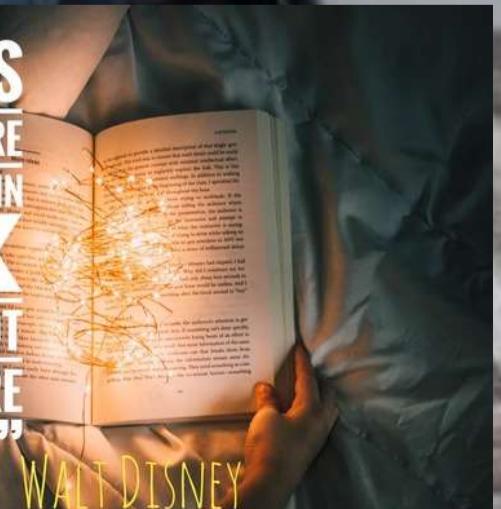
Transferable Skills:

- Confidence Building
- Culture Capital
- Time Management
- Problem Solving
- Analytical Skills
- Teamwork



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Key Information

Awarding Body: AQA

Language GCSE Specific Unit Content:

Paper 1: Fiction

Paper 2: Non-fiction

Both test reading skills including scanning and skimming, summarising, language analysis at sentence and word level, structure, evaluation of writer's methods and perspectives.

Writing is tested through narrative and description as well as functional skills in the form of letters, speeches, reports, leaflets and newspaper articles.

Language GCSE Specific Unit Content:

'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens

'Blood Brothers' by Willy Russell

'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare

Poetry Anthology – Power and Conflict cluster

Unseen Poetry

Progression Opportunities:

An essential qualification for progressing to any platform be it vocational, technical, A Levels, T-Levels or workplace Apprenticeships.

Potential Careers from English Language and/or Literature:

Virtually anything really! A selection:

Media and publishing

Teaching (you need English whatever subject and whatever age group you teach)

Blogging

Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations

Civil Service

Police and Armed Forces

Law

Business, banking, sales, advertising, web content manager, journalist, social media manager etc. etc. – you get the idea!



If you require any further information about this GCSE, please don't hesitate to contact any of the English Department. We are more than happy to talk you through it further and answer any questions you may have.
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