

English Language

Qualification

GCSE

Examination Board

AQA

Specification Code

8700



Course Overview



English Language is an exciting and thought-provoking course for all GCSE pupils.

Pupils find this course intellectually stimulating and valuable; it is an appropriate balance between exploring more traditional texts, non-fiction texts and modern approaches to English.

There are also speaking and listening opportunities, allowing pupils to create characters and participate in engaging and lively group discussions and debates.

Topics Covered

The subject has two main components: reading and writing. These skills are demonstrated and assessed through two examinations (100%). Spoken Language is assessed and a separate grade will be awarded for this element. Pupils have the opportunity to be creative, analytical and reflective through English Language.

Assessment

Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing—50% (external examination consisting of one paper)

Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives—50% (external examination consisting on one paper)

Course Progression

The course is an excellent springboard for post-16 education in a range of subjects. Many of the skills developed through English Language are fundamental to functional skills needed beyond the context of the classroom. There is a clear link between this course and A-Level English Language and Literature.

Notes

Career Opportunities

The English Language course suits any career progression in wide range of professions including Teaching, Media, Journalism, Law and the Arts. Due to the transferable skills associated with the course, a good grade in English Language is desirable to any employer.

For Further Information

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700>