English Language (GCSE)

Information from the exam board can be found here.

Grades awarded: 9 – 1

Why study this subject?

Although you will be used to learning about grammar and vocabulary as a result of your early education, you should know that this GCSE course is much more advanced, and therefore more interesting than ever before. The study of English enables you to develop some key transferable skills which will benefit you not only while you are at school, but also in the outside world. Better spoken and written skills will impact on your ability to get yourself noticed, and will provide a strong foundation as you enter your desired workplace.

What will I study in this course?

- Language & structural analysis of a range of texts
- Writers' viewpoints and perspectives
- Writing a summary
- Descriptive and narrative writing skills
- Persuasive writing for a range of genres
- Spoken Language presentational skills

How will I be assessed?

The course is 100% exam and two examinations are taken at the end of Year 11: Paper 1 covers Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing, while Paper 2 assesses Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives. Students will also complete a Spoken Language Endorsement which is an addition to the English Language GCSE. Presentations for this are prepared and completed at the end of Year 10 and students are awarded a pass, merit or distinction grade.

What will this qualification lead to?

The skills you learn from studying English Language are marketable in most careers and can be easily transferred from one role to another. Having an English Language qualification provides you with a good foundation when it comes to applying for jobs. Students who have studied English Language typically end up working in all kinds of roles including teaching, communications, marketing, commercial writing, media and journalism, to name a few. English Language is also essential to gaining your place on most apprenticeships and vocational courses.

How is the course structured?

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 10	English Language Paper 1 reading skills are focused on here – Introduction to language and structural analysis of fiction texts.	English Language Paper 1 writing skills are focused on here – Introduction to descriptive and narrative writing skills with exploration of good examples.	English Language Paper 2 reading and writing skills are focused on here – Introduction to summary writing, comparison of
Year 11	Re-cap and revision of Paper 1 & 2 reading and writing skills.	Re-cap and revision of Paper 1 & 2 reading and writing Skills.	Revision & Examinations

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