



# Year 9 Options

English Literature and English Language



# Year 9 Options | Welcome

- English Literature asks students to respond to Shakespeare and 19th Century texts, Post 1914 modern texts, unseen poetry and an anthology of Power and Conflict poetry.
- English Language will develop the skills you need to read, understand and analyse a range of texts. The spoken language element of the course allows you the opportunity to develop your formal speaking skills while responding to questions.
- Everyone takes this subject; it is not an option.



# Year 9 Options | Course Content

## TEXTS YOU WILL STUDY IN ENGLISH LITERATURE

### Shakespeare:

- 'Macbeth'

### Poetry:

- 'Power and Conflict' Anthology

### Modern Texts:

#### Post 1914 Drama

- 'An Inspector Calls' by J.B Priestley

#### The 19<sup>th</sup> Century Novel

- 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens



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# Year 9 Options | Assessment

## ENGLISH LITERATURE

### **Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Novel**

Assessed on:

- Shakespeare play
- The 19<sup>th</sup> Century Novel

1hour 45minute exam

64 marks

40% of the total GCSE Grade

#### **Section A: Shakespeare**

Answer one question on *Macbeth*.

#### **Section B: The 19<sup>th</sup> Century Novel**

Answer one question on *A Christmas Carol*.

### **Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry**

Assessed on:

- Modern texts (play)
- Poetry (Anthology)
- Unseen Poetry

2hour 15minute exam

96 marks

60% of the total GCSE Grade

#### **Section A: Modern Texts**

Answer one essay question from a choice of two on *An Inspector Calls*.

#### **Section B: Poetry**

Answer one comparative question on one named poem printed on the paper and one other poem from the Anthology cluster.

#### **Section C: Unseen Poetry**

Answer one question on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem.

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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE

### Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

- Section A: Reading
  - One Literature Fiction text
- Section B: Writing
  - Descriptive or Narrative writing

Exam time: 1hr 45minutes

Total: 80 marks

50% of total GCSE grade

Questions:

Reading (40 marks) (25%)

Writing (40 marks) (25%)

### Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

- Section A: Reading
  - One Non-Fiction text and one 19<sup>th</sup> Century Non-Fiction text
- Section B: Writing
  - Writing to present a viewpoint

Exam time: 1hr 45minutes

Total: 80 marks

50% of total GCSE grade

Questions:

Reading (40 marks) (25%)

Writing (40 marks) (25%)

**Spoken Language Endorsement:** Pass, Merit, Distinction

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## Year 9 Options | Other info ...

English will provide you with the skills you need to be able to communicate effectively in both writing and verbal communication.

You will have the opportunity to explore culturally diverse texts and writers whilst developing an understanding of the contexts in which these texts were written.



# Year 9 Options | Career options

English is a versatile subject that can lead you to the following careers and many more:

Journalism (Newspaper/Magazine)      Publishing copy-editor/proof-reader  
Digital copywriter      Social work  
Editorial/Publishing assistant      Law  
Teaching English as a foreign language      Public Relations  
Social Media Manager

## **Choices at A level / Level 3:**

English Literature, Psychology, Law, Sociology, History

## **What have students gone on to do?**

Study Law, History, English, Medicine

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# Year 9 Options | Questions?

For more information you can speak to any of your English teachers and the Head of English Ms Moghul for any advice.

You can also view the AQA Specification for more details about the course:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702>