

## GCSE English Language and English Literature

### Course Specifications

**Exam Board: AQA**

**Link to specification:** <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english>

**Grading: 1-9**

### Course Details

#### What will you learn?

##### Year 10

##### Autumn

**An Inspector Calls**

**Nonfiction reading and writing**

**Unseen poetry**

**A Christmas Carol**

**Spoken Language Endorsement ongoing to next term**

##### Spring

**Anthology Poetry**

**Macbeth**

##### Summer

**Fiction reading and writing**

##### Year 11

##### Autumn

**Anthology Poetry**

**Literature Paper 1 revision (A Christmas Carol and Macbeth)**

**Language Paper 1 revision (Fiction reading and writing)**

**Autumn Mock exams - Paper 1 Language and Paper 1 Literature**

##### Spring

**Literature Paper 2 revision (An Inspector Calls, Anthology Poetry and Unseen Poetry)**

**Language Paper 2 revision (Nonfiction reading and writing)****Summer****Language and Literature revision****How will you be assessed?****During the course:****Year 10: Mid Year Exams and End of Year exams****Year 11: Mock exams in November and February****At the end of the course:****Your final grade will be awarded based on the following examinations/ coursework:****Language:****Paper 1: Exploration in Creative Reading and Writing – 1 hour and 45 minutes****Section A: Reading****One Literature fiction text****Four questions – 1 short question asking students to list information (4 marks), 2 longer questions (8 marks) and 1 extended question (20 marks)****Section B: Writing**

Descriptive or narrative writing

One extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)

**Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives – 1 hour and 45 minutes****Section A: Reading**

One non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text

**Four questions – 1 short question asking students to identify true statements (4 marks), 2 longer questions (8 marks and 12 marks) and one extended question (16 marks)****Section B: Writing**

Writing to present a viewpoint

One extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)

**Non-examination Assessment: Spoken Language**

Students will be assessed on presenting, responding to questions and their use of standard English. This is a separate endorsement (0% weighting of GCSE) and students will receive a pass, merit or distinction.

**Literature:****Paper 1: Shakespeare and 19<sup>th</sup> Century Novel – 1 hour and 45 minutes****Section A Shakespeare:** students will answer one question on 'Macbeth'. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the play and then to write about the play as a whole.

**Section B The 19th-century novel:** students will answer one question on 'A Christmas Carol'. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the novel and then to write about the novel as a whole.

**Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry – 2 hours and 15 minutes**

**Section A Modern texts:** students will answer one essay question from a choice of two on 'An Inspector Calls'.

**Section B Poetry:** students will answer one comparative question on one named poem printed on the paper and one other people from the Power and Conflict anthology cluster.

**Section C Unseen poetry:** students will answer one question on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem. This will be in two parts, respectively.

### What independent work can you do?

#### Learn:

Reread your literature texts and read fiction and non fiction texts widely.

#### RAG and Revisit:

Review workbook notes and topic lists

#### Explore:

BBC Bitesize, GCSE Pod, Seneca, Massolit

#### Revise:

Mind Maps, Seneca, GCSE Pod, BBC Bitesize, Revision booklets.

#### Prepare:

Exam papers on VIP Zone

### Which resources should you use?

Textbooks, websites, online resources

- **Revision booklets**
- **GCSE Pod**
- **Seneca**
- **BBC Bitesize**
- **Massolit**
- **Google Classroom**