Name of Course	GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature
Examination Board	AQA

GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature must be taken together but will be recognised as two separate GCSEs

Topics covered include: narrative writing; descriptive writing; pre-19th, 20th and 21st century non-fiction and fiction; a Shakespeare play; heritage poetry; unseen poetry comparison; modern drama; speaking and listening.

Assessment comprises:

Final examination

Why English Language and Literature?

English is a core subject in the National Curriculum in England and the skills of reading, writing, speaking and listening are of vital importance – not only are they essential in many careers, they also underpin successful study at all levels. This course is designed to aid and assess such development. Moreover, this course will give students a sound foundation for A-level English Language and English Literature.

GCSE English Language – 8700

During this course students will study how the English language is used and how to use it effectively and successfully. The range of activities will include:

- Reading comprehension of both fiction and non-fiction texts
- Extended literary response
- Writing both fiction and non-fiction texts
- Speaking and listening
- Focus on the use of vocabulary, spelling and punctuation
- Focus on the terminology and use of grammar

GCSE Literature – 8702

- Study of a Shakespeare play
- Pre-C2Oth prose
- Modern drama
- Study of a range of poetry

Useful websites, helpful reading, places to visit

http://www.aqa.org.uk/ http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/english www.topmarks.co.uk

Particular issues for this subject

- Setting Students are allocated to the group which best suits their needs according to a combination of test results and continuous assessment.
- Successful students, at all levels, are those who read widely from a range of texts including newspapers, magazines and literary non-fiction as well as novels and short stories.

Trips Theatre trips when appropriate

Resources			
GCSE English AQA Anthology of Poetry Power and Conflict The Poetry Guide For the Grade 8-1 Course	Title AQA Anthology of Poetry Power and Conflict The Poetry Guide For Grade 9-1 Course	9781782943617	
GCSE English COPP OCISE AGA English Unseen Poetry Exam Board: AQA The Poetry Guide For the Grade 9-1 Course	Unseen Poetry AQA The Poetry Guide For Grade 9-1 Course	9781782943648	
GCSE AQA English Language For the Grade 9-1 Course The Revision Guide	GCSE AQA English Language For the Grade 9-1 Course Revision Guide	9781782943693	
GCSE AQA English Language For the Grade 9-1 Course The Workbook	GCSE AQA English Language For the Grade 9-1 Course The Workbook	9781782943709	
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