

PCHS Curriculum Information – Year 10 English Language

Course Title: GCSE English Language	Exam Board: AQA	Specification Code: GCSE English Language 8700
How will students be assessed?		
All texts in the examination will be unseen.		
Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing		
What's assessed		
Section A: Reading		
• one literature fiction text		
Section B: Writing		
• descriptive or narrative writing		
Assessed		
• written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes • 80 marks • 50% of GCSE		
Questions		
Reading (40 marks) (25%) – one single text		
• 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks) • 2 longer form questions (2 x 8 marks) • 1 extended question (1 x 20 marks)		

Writing (40 marks) (25%)

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



Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

What's assessed

Section A: Reading

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

Section B: Writing

- writing to present a viewpoint

Assessed

- written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 80 marks
- 50% of GCSE

Questions

Reading (40 marks) (25%) – two linked texts

- 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)
- 2 longer form questions (1 x 8, 1 x 12 marks)
- 1 extended question (1 x 16 marks)

Writing (40 marks) (25%)

- 1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical

accuracy)



Non-examination Assessment: Spoken Language

What's assessed

(AO7–AO9)

- presenting
- responding to questions and feedback
- use of Standard English

Assessed

- teacher set throughout course
- marked by teacher
- separate endorsement (0% weighting of GCSE)

KEY CONTENT

Half Term 1

Paper 1 English Language: Section B: Imaginative writing (inspired by A Christmas Carol – Gothic genre – image based, on Setting).

Half Term 2

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Half Term 3

Paper 1 English Language: Section B: Imaginative writing (inspired by Macbeth).

Half Term 4

Paper 1 English Language: Section B: Imaginative writing (inspired by Macbeth).

Half Term 5

Paper 1 English Language: Section B: Imaginative writing (inspired by Macbeth).

Half Term 6

Paper 2 English Language: Section B: Transactional Writing – (Letters, Opinion Columns, Feature Articles and Reviews)

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