

What Will I Be Studying?

Language Paper 1:

- Reading: An unseen fiction text
- Writing: Produce a piece of descriptive or narrative writing

Language Paper 2:

- Reading: There will be two unseen non-fiction texts.
- Writing: Produce a piece of writing expressing a viewpoint.

Literature Paper 1:

- Shakespeare (Macbeth)
- A 19th Century Novel (A Christmas Carol)

Literature Paper 2:

- A Modern Text (An Inspector Calls)
- Poetry: GCSE Anthology Conflict Poems
- Unseen poetry

How Will I Be Assessed?

- Pupils will be sitting the new GCSE specification and will be graded from 9-1
- There is no coursework for this GCSE. Students sit their exams at the end of Year 11
- By the end of year 11 you will receive 2 GCSEs
- There are 4 exam papers in total – 2 for English Language and 2 for Literature
- Written accuracy is weighted heavily in English Language and is also assessed in Literature

Who Would Enjoy This Course?

Students who enjoy:

- reading and writing both fiction and non-fiction – extracts, plays, novels and poetry
- opportunities to express an opinion – both written and spoken
- analysing and comparing texts

How Will This Course Help Me In The Future?

As high status facilitating subjects, both English Language and Literature are key subjects at Key Stage 4 in terms of moving on to other courses in the future. As well as English being the foundation of any career in terms of its focus on reading and writing skills and self-expression, it also will lead on to careers in a wide range of areas including media, journalism and law.