

# ENGLISH

## KS4 (Edexcel English Literature & AQA English Language)

### Curriculum Overview

In Year 11, the focus will be on the Language GCSE and then revisiting the Literature texts to hone and deepen understanding and to also ensure there are no gaps in learning. Assessments will replicate exam questions and will be under timed conditions.

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### Course Content and Skill Development

Students will begin Year 11 by focusing on the differing aspects of Reading and Writing for the Language exams. The question formats will be explicitly taught as well as ensuring that students transfer analytical skills introduced and honed in Year 10. There will be a concerted focus on Writing skills as this comprises of 50% of the entire Language GCSE. After the November mock exams, students will begin revising their Literature exam texts in class so that students deepen their understanding of themes, characters and messages to allow them access to the higher grades; along with timed essays and other mock exam preparation.

After College revision will begin in October and will focus on Literature texts. There will also be exam walk throughs, and bespoke seminars and sessions to support students of all abilities to ensure that they meet or exceed their target grades.

There is also the Entry Level route for any students for whom the usual GCSE route is not suitable.

### Specification Links

Language: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/specification-at-a-glance>

Literature: [https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/English%20Literature/2015/specification-and-sample-assesment/9781446914359\\_GCSE\\_2015\\_L12\\_Enlit.pdf](https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/GCSE/English%20Literature/2015/specification-and-sample-assesment/9781446914359_GCSE_2015_L12_Enlit.pdf)



## When and how assessment of learning will happen

The assessment strategy will replicate Year 10 with a wide range on in class assessments though there will be more of a focus on responding independently to assessment tasks. There will be mock exams to support with time management and other exam skills which are vital for a successful examination outcome.

## Home Learning Expectations

Further wider reading, revision as well as materials designed to support or extend the learning in lessons can be found on Google Classroom.

## Useful Information

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4> - English Language

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z2whg82> - English Literature

### Best Revision Websites

- Notes and tests from BBC Bitesize
- Revision guides from [englishbiz.co.uk](http://englishbiz.co.uk)
- Various resources from [revisionworld.com](http://revisionworld.com)
- Various resources from [getrevising.co.uk](http://getrevising.co.uk)
- 'gcse english language revision' Google search

### Exam Forums

- GCSE English Language Exam Revision
- Q&A Forum - Ask a Question - StudyWise

