

KEY STAGE 4 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE

All pupils follow a bespoke programme of study tailored to their individual needs.

Students in Years 10 and 11 will study work taken from the following GCSE courses: AQA GCSE English Language, Cambridge IGCSE English and Edexcel GCSE English Language 2.0

AQA GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE*

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing	Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives
<u>What's assessed:</u> Section A: Reading - 1 Literature fiction text Section B: Writing - Descriptive or Narrative Writing	<u>What's assessed:</u> Section A: Reading - 1 non-fiction text and 1 non-fiction literary text Section B: Writing - Writing to present a viewpoint
<u>How it's assessed:</u> Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes 80 marks 50% of GCSE	<u>How it's assessed:</u> Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes 80 marks 50% of GCSE

Helpful link:

- AQA syllabus - <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/changes-for-2022>

Helpful resources available to purchase from the publisher:

- *GCSE English Language for AQA Progress*
ISBN: 978-1-107-45313-5
- *GCSE English Language for AQA Progress Plus*
ISBN: 978-1-107-45297-8

CAMBRIDGE IGCSE*

Coursework Portfolio	Exam: Paper 1
<p><u>What's assessed:</u></p> <p>Assignment 1: a response to a text or texts of approximately two sides of A4 in total</p> <p>Assignment 2: Descriptive Writing</p> <p>Assignment 3: Narrative Writing</p>	<p><u>What's assessed:</u></p> <p>Question 1-Comprehension and summary task (30 marks)</p> <p>Question 2 - Short-answer questions and language task (25 marks)</p> <p>Question 3- Extended response to reading (25 marks)</p>
<p><u>How it's assessed:</u></p> <p>- Three assignments completed in the classroom</p> <p>- 500 - 800 words long</p> <p>- 50% of IGCSE grade</p>	<p><u>How it's assessed:</u></p> <p>- Written exam: 2 hours</p> <p>- 80 marks</p> <p>- 50% of IGCSE grade</p>

Helpful link:

- IGCSE syllabus - <https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/Images/414546-2020-2022-syllabus.pdf>

Helpful resources available to purchase from the publisher:

- Cambridge IGCSE English Student's Book, Third Edition
ISBN: 978000826006
- Cambridge IGCSE First Language English Coursebook, Fifth Edition
ISBN: 9781108438889

EDEXCEL GCSE (9-1) ENGLISH LANGUAGE 2.0*

Paper 1: Non Fiction Texts	Paper 2: Contemporary Texts
<p><u>What's assessed:</u></p> <p>Section A: Reading - Short and open-response questions on two thematically linked, unseen non-fiction extracts</p> <p>Section B: Writing - Choice of two writing tasks that require an extended response from students</p>	<p><u>What's assessed:</u></p> <p>Section A: Reading - Short and open-response questions on two thematically linked, unseen fiction and literary non-fiction extracts</p> <p>Section B: Writing - Choice of two writing tasks that require an extended response from students</p>
<p><u>How it's assessed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Written exam: 1 hour and 55 minutes- 80 marks- 50% of GCSE grade	<p><u>How it's assessed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Written exam: 1 hour and 55 minutes- 80 marks- 50% of IGCSE grade

Helpful link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1QcgPXpSLtdAhm6qPBGHUV0ks8BS7JboL>

Helpful resources available to purchase from the publisher:

<https://www.pearsonschoolsandfecolleges.co.uk/secondary/subjects/english-and-media/edexcel-gcse-english-language-2015?productType=a15b9e29-9550-4a80-9fb8-217fdddc5afd&series=bf3ce3e0-e244-4274-8643-76fac944b071#products>

*SPOKEN LANGUAGE

There is also a requirement for all Year 10 and 11 students to complete a speaking and listening activity as part of the GCSE English Language qualification. This will take the form of a formal presentation and a question and answer session afterwards.

As required by both exam boards, the presentation and the ensuing discussion will be recorded.

Homework:

As each pupil follows a programme of study carefully tailored to their individual needs, homework is set which focuses on developing skills in the topic area under consideration as and when needed.

STEP UP TO ENGLISH - ENTRY LEVEL CERTIFICATE

Accreditation is also available to Year 10 students through the *AQA Gold Step Up To English Entry Level Certificate* which complements their GCSE studies.

Helpful link:

- Step Up To English syllabus - <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/elc/step-up-to-english-5970/specification-at-a-glance>