

## **English**

### **English Language**

**Award:** GCSE

**Board:** AQA

#### **Structure of the Examination:**

The GCSE English Language exam consists of two examinations that will be taken at the end of Year 11. In addition, each exam is worth 50% of their overall GCSE grade.

Paper 1: Explorations in creative reading and writing (1 hour 45 minutes – 80 marks)

Paper 2: Writers' viewpoints and perspectives (1 hour 45 minutes – 80 marks)

#### **Assessment Methods:**

A linear exam at the end of Year 11.

Spoken Language Assessment: This is a non-examination assessed piece and it forms part of each student's overall GCSE grade. Each student is required to complete a formal presentation to an audience on a specific topic using Standard English and they will respond to a range of questions from the audience. Furthermore, the Spoken Language unit is assessed by the teacher and it is graded Pass, Merit or Distinction.

### **English Literature**

**Award:** GCSE

**Board:** AQA

#### **Structure of the Examination**

The GCSE English Literature exam consists of two exams; the first paper is worth 40% and the second paper is worth 60%.

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th century novel (1 hour 45 minutes – 64 marks)

Paper 2: Modern Texts and Poetry (2 hours 15 minutes – 96 marks)

#### **Assessment Methods:**

A linear exam at the end of Year 11.