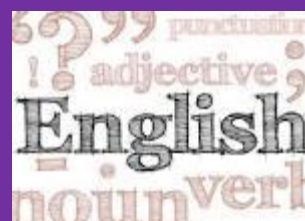



English/English Language GCSE



Key Information

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| Exam Board: | AQA |
| Summary of Subject: | As part of their controlled assessment, students will study a range of texts from prose to drama and from a variety of historical backgrounds. The examination requires students to analyse three media and non-fiction texts, detailing the effectiveness of aspects such as the writer's use of language and presentational features. Students must then create two pieces of descriptive and persuasive writing which demonstrate their own ability to target a specific audience and write for a specific purpose. |
| Units and weighting: | Unit 1: 60% examination, media and non-fiction. Unit 3: 40% controlled assessment – 5 assessed pieces including modern prose and Shakespeare. Please note that Unit 2 (speaking and listening) no longer contributes to the overall grade a student receives and will be undertaken as an additional task only. |

How can I support my child at home?

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| <p>Useful websites:</p> | <p>GCSE POD (link on school website) www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize www.sparknotes.com www.shmoop.com www.aqa.org.uk</p> | <p>To achieve a Grade A, I will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make perceptive observations • Analyse with critical insight • Explore wider connotations of words/images • Make perceptive comparisons • Infer deeper meanings from a text • Offer insightful interpretations • Embed relevant and well selected quotation into your responses • Demonstrate flair and creativity in written responses • Demonstrate high levels of accuracy in written expression <p>To achieve a Grade C, I will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate clear understanding of texts • Support all points with relevant quotations • Write in paragraphs and accurate sentences • Use punctuation accurately • Comment on the effect of presentational devices in a text • Compare how language is used by different writers • Write for a specific purpose and audience |
| <p>Revision Texts:</p> | <p>Title Revise AQA GCSE English and English Language Publisher Pearson ISBN: 978-1-4479-4066-1 Available from Student Reception for £3.50</p>  | |