



## Key Stage 4 Options

### Subject – English

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**Course & Qualification: English Language and Literature**  
2 GCSEs

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#### Course Outline

English Language 8700 and English Literature 8702

**GCSE English Language** helps you to: express yourself well in a written format both creatively and functionally; read and infer complicated texts including media, non-fiction and fiction and to be able to decipher hidden meanings and sub text; and be prepared for a world where effective written and oral communication is a key skill for employers.

**GCSE English Literature** compliments GCSE English Language perfectly and offers you the opportunity to study and explore classic and contemporary novels, plays and poetry. You will be expected to work independently, be creative, and think critically.

**Writing:** Learn to write for specific audience and purpose; be persuasive, informative or take a viewpoint; manipulate your knowledge of language and craft your own creative pieces.

**Reading:** Discover how writers use and manipulate their audiences using a wide variety of techniques in fiction and non-fiction. You will study a variety of texts including: poetry, seen and unseen; novels from classic British authors; and drama including Shakespeare.

#### Assessment

ENGLISH LANGUAGE:	ENGLISH LITERATURE:
Exam – 50% reading and writing	Exam - 40% Shakespeare and 19th Century novel
Exam - 50% reading and writing	Exam - 60% Modern prose, drama, poetry (seen and unseen)
Spoken language 0% - presentation	

#### Suitability

The course is a core subject.

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#### For further information contact:

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