GCSE English language

Course details

English Language

English Language is the study of the **way that we communicate through written**, **verbal and visual means**. It involves the study of language form, language meaning and exploring the meaning of language in context.

Throughout their study students will explore both written and spoken language. It is our aim to introduce students to language of **race**, **gender**, **power /oppression**, **identity and the political and social dimensions of language**. The English faculty aims to promote a culture of literacy and develop students into **critical readers** who can interpret and engage with the world around them.

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

Non examination assessment: Spoken language

Units covered

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

Section A: Reading One literature fiction text Section B: Writing Descriptive or narrative writing Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes 80 marks - 50% of GCSE

Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives Section A: Reading One non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text Section B: Writing Writing to present a viewpoint Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes 80 marks - 50% of GCSE

Non-examination Assessment: Spoken Language presentation

