

# English Language

## Key Information

English Language is now exclusively assessed through the means of a terminal examination and no longer has a controlled assessment module as part of the qualification. Students will complete a speaking and listening assessment but this is only a requirement of the course and does not count toward the final grade. For the final grade, students will sit two external examinations based on unseen literary and non-literary prose extracts from a variety of time periods and genres. They must understand how to analyse structure, language and meaning in detail and will then have to produce a piece of their own in the same literary style.

### To achieve a Grade 9, I will be able to:

- 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

### To achieve a Grade 5, I will be able to:

- 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 linguistic and structural devices in a text
- Compare how techniques are used by different writers
- Write for a specific purpose and audience

## Units and Weighting

**Paper 1:** Literary prose unseen – 1 hour and 45 minutes (50%)

**Paper 2:** Non-Fiction extracts unseen – 1 hour and 45 minutes (50%)

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### EXAM BOARD: AQA

### REVISION TEXTS:

AQA GCSE English Language:  
Assessment preparation for  
paper 1 and paper 2  
Publisher – Oxford Press  
ISBN – 978 – 0 – 19 – 834075 – 1  
Price £15 from retailers, also  
available in school.



### USEFUL WEBSITES:

GCSE POD (link on school  
website)  
[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)  
[www.sparknotes.com](http://www.sparknotes.com)  
[www.shmoop.com](http://www.shmoop.com)  
[www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk)