

## Core for both pathways

### *What is English?*

English is the study of language and literature (two separate GCSEs), which we hope will engender a love of reading. It will equip pupils with the skills to find their voice and to use it with confidence. English will enable pupils to develop a critical understanding of a range of texts as well as to explore and evaluate ideas and traditions.

### *Course Content:*

Pupils will study and take two GCSEs in English:

#### *English Language:*

Pupils will develop their skills in reading for understanding and writing for a range of purposes. There will also be opportunities for pupils to improve skills in presenting and spoken language – key qualities for the world beyond the classroom.

#### *English Literature:*

Pupils will study a range of prose, poetry and drama from the English Literary Heritage including a Shakespeare play and a 19th Century novel.

### *Assessment:*

Both GCSEs are non-tiered, resulting in a grade of 9 to 1 (9 being awarded to the very top students).

Both GCSEs are assessed at the end of Year 11, by 100% exam. There are no controlled assessments or coursework.

Speaking and Listening will be assessed as a separate component, not contributing to the final GCSE grade.

### *Trips, Resources and other opportunities*

Trips to the theatre or visiting theatre groups into school whenever appropriate are offered. Workshops after school and mentoring are offered to prepare for exams.

### *Pupil Quotes:*

*"Studying English has improved my written communication in all my other subjects."*

*"I've really enjoyed reading books and plays and discussing them."*

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### *Exam Board:*

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Board:</b>	<b>Syllabus Code:</b>	<b>Examination/NEA/Coursework</b>
GCSE English Language	AQA	8700	100% Spoken / 100% Exam
GCSE English Literature	AQA	8702	Exam 100%