



AQA English Language (8700)

What you will study:

You will study a range of literary fiction and non-fiction texts, examining how writers build up description for effect in their writing, and how writers convey their viewpoint persuasively. Additionally, you will develop your skills in writing for different purposes: descriptive, argumentative, and persuasive writing, to name a few. Accuracy in spelling, punctuation, and grammar will continue to be a key focus.

Assessment:

In this linear qualification, all examinations will take place at the end of Year 11. You will sit examinations in both reading and writing where you will need to analyse and respond to a range of texts, as well as compose your own writing pieces. You will undertake a compulsory separate endorsement for Speaking and Listening, which does not count towards your final GCSE grade.

AQA English Literature (8702)

What you will study:

In English Literature, you will develop your analytical ability and essay writing skills through the study of your set texts. These include: a Shakespeare play (*Much Ado About Nothing*), a nineteenth-century novel (*A Christmas Carol* or *Jane Eyre*), a modern novel or drama text (*Lord of the Flies*), and poetry (Love and Relationships cluster). You will need to consider how the writers have used literary devices for effect by closely focusing on key words, elements of structure, and other techniques that they have incorporated into their works.

Assessment:

This is a linear qualification, which means that all examinations will be sat at the end of Year 11. Students are required to respond to their set texts through extract questions, and essay questions based on the entire work. There is also an 'unseen' element, where students must respond to a poem that they have not studied before.