

KS4 Curriculum handbook subject page

Subject: GCSE English Language

Syllabus: AQA

What will I learn?

The study of English Language at GCSE level enables you to develop your comprehension and analytical skills by reading a variety of extracts from different time periods. You will read both fiction and non-fiction extracts and will also write your own fiction and non-fiction extracts. The writing section supports development of extended writing skills; writing for a purpose, considering tone, developing structure, making suitable vocabulary choices, and ensuring that writing is technically accurate.

How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed via two exam papers and a presentation

Language Paper 1: Explorations in Creative reading and writing

Language Paper 2: Writer's Viewpoints and Perspectives

NEA: Spoken language assessment

The GCSE grade is 100% exam based and for the spoken language assessment you will be awarded a grade of Pass, Merit or distinction.

How will this prepare me for my next steps?

The study of GCSE English Language is compulsory and students must get a grade 4 or above in order to move onto their next step in their journey. It is a legal requirement to pass English Language and so any students who do not obtain a Grade 4 at the end of Key Stage 4 will need to join a resit programme.

The skills developed during GCSE English Language allow students to thrive at sixth form and college because they have the ability to read analytically and write extensively. It provides a solid foundation for all next steps.

Contribution to UTC/Studio aims

The study of English develops students' literacy skills on a daily basis. It is our aim that all students will possess the literacy skills to be successful in their future and for it never to be a barrier.

Careers/job ideas

Studying English can give you a whole host of exciting career options that include:

- Teacher
- College, University lecturer
- Journalist
- Lawyer