

Curriculum information sheet

Subject: English

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Year 11 information – Course title(s), GCSE/BTEC, Exam board, breakdown of assessment modules

AQA GCSE English Language.

The assessment is made up of two equally weighted papers assessing ability in reading and writing:

Paper 1: Explorations in creative reading and writing

Paper 2: Writer's viewpoints and perspectives

Non-examined speaking and listening assessment:

The aim of the assessment is to allow students to demonstrate their speaking and listening skills by:

- giving a presentation in a formal context
- responding appropriately to questions and to feedback, asking questions themselves to elicit clarification
- using spoken standard English.

The assessment will be separately endorsed with a pass, merit or distinction. This will not form part of the final GCSE grade.

Synopsis of the course for the school website

To use a variety of 19th, 20th and 21st century extracts to engage and motivate students. The course aims to provide appropriate stretch and challenge whilst ensuring that the assessment and texts are accessible to all students.

The course is designed to enable students to develop the skills they need to read, understand and analyse a wide range of different texts. They will also need to write clearly for different purposes and audiences.

Changes proposed for 2017-2018 if known

Changes have already taken place. First examination of the new 9-1 GCSEs will take place in 2017.

Year 10 information – Course title(s), GCSE/BTEC, Exam board, breakdown of assessment modules

AQA GCSE English Language.

As above for year 11. The course is taught over the two years.