

GCSE English Language and Literature

Examination Board:

AQA

Director of Learning:

Hannah Bradley

hannah.bradley@abbeyfieldschool.org.uk

Why study English?

English Language

English Language is one of the most important subjects. It gives you confidence for life and offers you a passport for success. It is essential to be a good reader, writer, speaker and listener. When studying English Language, you are shown how to improve in all of these areas.

- Reading: you will be taught how to comprehend what you read and given strategies that will enable you to get the most out of every text.
- Writing: you will develop a wide range of writing skills. You will get experience in writing for many different purposes and for different audiences.
- Spoken Language: you will be continually improving your verbal communication skills. Whether it's delivering a formal speech, working as part of a team or taking on a role, you will have the opportunity to express yourself and grow as a result of listening to what others have to say.

English Literature

English Literature is an enjoyable and challenging subject. You will be introduced to many key figures from Britain's literary heritage. You will learn more about the nature of humanity, social and historical contexts of work, and the power of the written word whilst studying some brilliant novels, plays and poems.

Possible next steps (including careers)

Media-related careers, publishing, law, marketing, advertising, theatre-related careers, teaching, careers including communication skills generally. English qualifications are very important for entry to all courses in Higher Education and to employers.

Aptitudes needed

An interest in reading and writing. Clear expression on paper and orally. Good listening skills. Willingness to contribute to discussions and to develop arguments. Ability to keep to deadlines.

Topic Structure

Year 10

- Fiction reading and writing
- Non-fiction reading and writing
- Macbeth
- The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

Year 11

- An Inspector Calls
- Love and Relationships Poetry
- Unseen Poetry

Assessment Structure**English Language Paper 1**

Fiction Extract Analysis: 25% (40 marks)
Fiction Writing: 25% (40 marks)

English Language Paper 2

Non-Fiction Analysis: 25% (40 marks)
Non-Fiction Writing: 25% (40 marks)

English Literature Paper 1

Macbeth: 20% (34 marks inc SPAG)
Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde: 20% (30 marks)

English Literature Paper 2

An Inspector Calls: 20% (34 marks inc SPAG)
Anthology poetry comparison: 20% (30 marks)
Unseen poetry analysis: 20% (32 marks)

Spoken Language

This is teacher assessed at the end of Year 10 and will be graded separately from the written GCSE exams. It will be reported with your GCSE grades.

More precise information to follow, but in the meantime, take speaking in class seriously!