

CURRICULUM & COURSE OVERVIEW

Subject: GCSE English Language	
Key Stage:	KS4
Exam Board:	AQA
Specification:	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/specification-at-a-glance
Map of Learning Overview:	<p>Current Year 10:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autumn 1: Paper 1 – Fiction Reading and Writing <p>Year 11 (2024-2025):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Autumn 1: Paper 2 – Non-Fiction Reading and Writing • Autumn 1: Spoken Language Endorsement* • Spring 1: Paper 1 Revision • Spring 2: Paper 2 Revision • Summer: Exam Practice and Preparation <p><i>*Please note: the Spoken Language Endorsement is reported as a separate grade (Pass, Merit or Distinction) and does not contribute to the result of the GCSE English Language qualification.</i></p>
Assessment:	<p>Two written exams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper 1: Explorations in creative reading and writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section A: Reading – 4 questions about one short literature text - Section B: Writing – a choice of descriptive or narrative writing - 1 hour 45 minutes - 80 marks - 50% of GCSE • Paper 2: Writers' viewpoints and perspectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section A: Reading – 4 questions about two short non-fiction texts - Section B: Writing – writing to present a viewpoint - 1 hour 45 minutes - 80 marks - 50% of GCSE • Spoken Language Endorsement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-examination assessment - Presenting - Responding to questions - Use of Standard English - Teacher set - Marked by teacher (Pass, Merit, Distinction) - Separate endorsement (0% of GCSE)
Homework:	Satchel:One
Holland Park Resources:	Crib sheets provided by teachers Google Drive folder
Revision resources:	Past papers (https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/assessment-resources?f.Resource+type%7C6=Question+papers)
Optional resources:	CGP Revision Guide (both papers)
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