



GCSE ENGLISH AND ENGLISH LITERATURE

Pupils are taught to develop all aspects of oral and written communication to a high standard and to offer varied responses to a wide range of literature. They are regularly instructed in matters of grammar and formal accuracy, and are introduced to a wide range of literature, including Shakespeare and other pre-20th Century and contemporary authors. They will study all three genres (poetry, drama and prose fiction), having the opportunity to draw on non-literary sources (film, journalism, etc). They are also encouraged to develop imagination by creative writing tasks, and argumentative and polemical skills by discursive essays, discussions and debates.

The two subjects are taught as a combined course which leads to two GCSE qualifications. The English Language examination is a combination of coursework (20%), oral work (20%) and two papers of 1 ¾ hours each (60%). The English Literature examination is a combination of coursework, which may also be used for English (30%) and one 2 ¼ hour paper (70%).