

# English Language and English Literature

- Two GCSEs and two grades at the end of Year 11.
- There are four examinations at the end of the course (Y11). Two of these are for Literature and two are for Language Grades 1-9
- All examinations are closed book (no copies of the text to be taken into exams). Language examinations contain unseen extracts and Literature Paper 2 contains an unseen poem.

# English Language AQA

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing (50%)	Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives (50%)	Non-examination Assessment: Spoken Language (PASS/FAIL)
<p>Section A: Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> Century literature fiction text</li> </ul> <p><i>Students will answer 4 questions on an extract.</i></p> <p>Section B: Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Descriptive or narrative writing</li> </ul> <p><i>Students will use a visual prompt to create a piece of narrative of descriptive writing.</i></p>	<p>Section A: Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One non-fiction 19<sup>th</sup> Century text and one literary non-fiction 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> Century text</li> </ul> <p><i>Students will answer 4 questions on two extracts.</i></p> <p>Section B: Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Writing to present a viewpoint</li> </ul> <p><i>Students are given a statement to prompt them to write a piece of non-fiction writing (e.g. article, speech, etc.)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presenting</li> <li>Responding to questions and feedback</li> <li>Use of standard English</li> </ul> <p><i>Please note this does not count toward the GCSE and students will receive a separate (ungraded) certificate.</i></p>

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## Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19<sup>th</sup> century novel (40%)

- Shakespeare- Macbeth
- The 19<sup>th</sup> century novel- A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

**Section A- Shakespeare:** Students will answer one question on their play of choice. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the play and then to write about the play as a whole.

**Section B- The 19<sup>th</sup> century novel:** Students will answer one question on their novel of choice. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the novel and then to write about the novel as a whole.

## Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry (60%)

- Modern texts – An Inspector Calls
- Poetry – Power & Conflict Collection
- Unseen poetry

**Section A Modern Texts:** Students will answer one essay question from a choice of two on their studied modern prose or drama text.

**Section B Poetry:** Students will answer one comparative question on one named poem printed on the paper and one other poem from their chosen anthology cluster.

**Section C Unseen poetry:** Students will answer one question on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem.

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## **GCSE Set Texts:**

**Macbeth** by William Shakespeare

**An Inspector Calls** by J.B. Priestley

**A Christmas Carol** by Charles Dickens



## **Recommended Revision guides include:**

**CGP GCSE English Macbeth: The Text Guide\***

**CGP GCSE English An Inspector Calls: The Text Guide\***

**CGP GCSE English A Christmas Carol: The Text Guide\***

**CGP GCSE English Power & Conflict Poetry\***

**CGP GCSE English Unseen Poetry\***

**CGP AQA English Language**

## **Student revision resources**

All students have been given a revision booklet for each Language paper and each Literature text. Within this, there are tips, reminders, exemplar answers and practise questions. This is currently being set by teachers as homework.