

# AQA English Language

## Why do you study GCSE English Language?

The GCSE in English Language equips you with the vital literacy skills you will need in later life, whatever your desired career path is. You are taught how to read, understand and discuss unfamiliar texts with confidence; you learn how to communicate your own ideas convincingly and you also learn how language can be used and manipulated to have a desired effect on an audience or reader.

## What will I study?



You will read a wide range of texts and learn how to explore the effect of language and structure. You also have to develop your own arguments and judgements and communicate your ideas convincingly in an essay. You also learn how to create your own original stories and descriptions.

You will also be exposed to a wide range of non-fiction texts spanning the 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. You will learn how to synthesise and compare two texts, analyse the language and then identify and compare two writers' viewpoints, ideas and perspectives. You also learn how to write a non-fiction article where you have to articulate your opinion on a given topic.

## How will I be assessed?



GCSE English Language is assessed in two papers and a speaking and listening presentation.

- Paper One: Fiction, 1h45. 50% of final grade.
- Paper Two: Non-fiction, 1h45. 50% of final grade.
- Speaking and listening presentation. Pass, merit or distinction awarded.

## Which skills will I develop and use?



This course will help you to develop the following skills:

- Understanding the effect of language
- How writers structure their work to affect their readers
- Your ability to communicate your own ideas convincingly in your own writing
- Synthesising and comparing two texts
- Understanding how texts have been written to make the reader feel or think a certain way.

## How will I be able to use this subject in my future career?



The skills acquired through the study of English at GCSE are useful to students wishing to study a variety of subjects post 16. It particularly compliments history, law, politics, sociology, psychology, media and drama. The skills you develop can be used in a multitude of careers such as: teachers, doctors, politicians, actors, directors, journalists, lawyers and many more. The skills you develop in this GCSE are fundamental to life and can be used anywhere.