



GCSE English Language

Who is the course for?

For those wishing to study for a GCSE English qualification to achieve the pass grade of 4 or above (grade C or above) for:

- career purposes
- progression onto Further and Higher Education courses
- to develop their own literacy skills more generally

What does the course involve?

GCSE English Language (9-1) involves the study of a range of literary and language topics and skills. The aim of the course is to help students to:

- read a wide range of texts fluently and with good understanding
- read critically and improve their own writing
- write effectively and coherently using Standard English appropriately
- use grammar correctly, punctuate and spell accurately
- acquire and apply a wide vocabulary
- listen to and understand spoken language, and use spoken Standard English effectively.

Entry Requirements

At course enrolment, prospective students will need to:

- demonstrate that their literacy skills are currently at a minimum of a grade 3 (D) level (certificate evidence required where possible)
- complete a short reading and writing assessment on the evening. This will enable us to evaluate their ability to cope with the demands of the course.



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Want to know more about the course?

This qualification is made up of three components.

Fiction and Imaginative Writing - 40% of the total GCSE

Overview of content:

- Study selections from a range of prose fiction.
- Develop skills to analyse and evaluate 19th - century fiction extracts.
- Develop imaginative writing skills to engage the reader.
- Use spelling, punctuation and grammar accurately.

Non-fiction and Transactional Writing - 60% of the total GCSE

Overview of content:

- Study a range of 20th - and 21st - century non-fiction texts (including literary non-fiction).
- Develop skills to analyse, evaluate and compare non-fiction extracts.
- Develop transactional writing skills for a variety of forms, purposes and audiences.
- Use spelling, punctuation and grammar accurately.

Spoken Language Component, Developing Spoken Language Skills - 0% of the total GCSE

Overview of content:

- You will undertake a prepared spoken presentation on a specific topic in a formal setting, listen and respond to questions and feedback, and use spoken English effectively.
- There are no marks for the Spoken Language endorsement. You will be awarded a grade (Pass, Merit or Distinction).

How long does the course take?

1 academic year (September to June).

How much does it cost?

Please see our current University and Adult Education Course Guide or call 0161 666 8215 for current fees.

How to apply?

Please call the Admissions Team on 0161 666 8215 to find out when our next Information and Enrolment events are.