



# 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.