

# English KS4 Learning Journey



## What is the course about?

In today's fast-paced information society, it is vital for young people to be confident communicators, skilful readers and effective writers. By studying English, you will develop an understanding of how language works by exploring and analysing a wide range of fiction and non-fiction texts. You will also, by deeply engaging with your English Literature curriculum, develop a life-long interest in the significance of works of literature, exploring how writing becomes a gateway for exploring a wide range of significant issues and concepts. Whilst connecting with the writer's intentions, you will explore the significance of the writing at the time of publication, how the messages have significance in our modern day and how these ideas will continue to transcend time as you connect with this thinking in your future.



## What will I do and how will I be assessed?

### English Language

#### Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

What is assessed?

Section A: Reading one literature fiction text

Section B: Writing descriptive or narrative writing

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes 80 marks 50% of GCSE

What are the types of questions?

*Reading* (40 marks) (25%) - pupils are required to respond to one extended text.

*Writing* (40 marks) (25%) - 1 extended writing question

#### Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

What is assessed?

Section A: Reading – 2 non-fiction pieces (one will be pre- 1900s)

Section B: Writing to explain or argue your view relating to a given statement

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes 80 marks 50% of GCSE

#### NEA: Spoken Language Endorsement (centred on the delivery of presentations and contribution to group discussions)

### English Literature

#### Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th-Century Novel

What is assessed?

Shakespeare - Macbeth

The 19th-century novel - A Christmas Carol

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes 64 marks 40% of GCSE

#### Paper 2: Modern Texts and Poetry

What is assessed?

Modern Texts - Blood Brothers

Poetry - Love and Relationships cluster Unseen Poetry

Written exam: 2 hour 15 minutes 96 marks 60% of GCSE



## What can I do afterwards?

All employers, colleges and universities will insist on a good standard in English. However, both courses will help to prepare you for further studies, especially for essay writing subjects at A Level. You can continue to study English at A Level by completing studies towards a qualification in English Language and / or English Literature. You could also go on to university to study English Literature, English Language, Creative Writing, Journalism and Film Studies, to name just a few of the options available.



## Electronic Links

[Bitesize](#)

[Teams](#)

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Targeted revision of English Language and Literature ahead of the exams.

**Literature:** Revision of 'Blood Brothers', 'Love and Relationships' and unseen poetry.

**Language:** Paper 1: Our World

**Literature:** 'Macbeth' and 'A Christmas Carol' revision and two poems from 'Love and Relationships'.

**Language:** Paper 2: Social Responsibility

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**Literature:** 'Blood Brothers' and seven poems from 'Love and Relationships'.

**Language:** Paper 1 - Action and Adventure

**Literature:** 'Macbeth' and three poems from 'Love and Relationships'.

**Language:** Paper 2 - Crime and Punishment

**Literature:** 'A Christmas Carol' and three poems from 'Love and Relationships'.

**Language:** Paper 1 - The Gothic

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