



GCSE English



What does GCSE English entail?

- EDUQAS
- Two GCSE qualifications: English Language and English Literature
- Two exams for each qualification – four in total
- The study of a number of texts: fiction and non-fiction
- Analysis a variety of texts and extracts
- Adapt our writing to suit different purposes: persuade, advise, inform, describe etc.

English Language

- Analysis of fiction and non-fiction texts including extracts and articles
- Tests your comprehension skills and your ability to analyse and evaluate how a writer has achieved a particular purpose
- Produce texts for different purposes: persuade, advise, inform, describe
- Produce texts for different audiences: head teacher, council, peers etc.
- Students will build up stamina to produce detailed work in timed conditions

English Literature

- Books, plays, poetry
- A Christmas Carol, An Inspector Calls, Macbeth, Unseen Poetry, Poetry Anthology
- Tests your ability to analyse the presentation of a character or theme within a text, as well as your ability to compare and contrast two texts
- Y10 texts: A Christmas Carol, An Inspector Calls, Poetry Anthology

Current topic: English Language Component 1

- 1 hour 45 minutes
- Section A: five comprehension questions on a fictional extract (1 hour)
- List five things, what are your impressions of...? How does the writer show...? How does the writer makes these lines...?
- Section B: narrative writing (45 minutes)
- Stream video guide: [Watch 'Y10 English Language Component 1 Mock Guide' | Microsoft Stream](#)

What can I do to improve my attainment in English?

- Read!
- KS4 Reading List
- Microsoft Stream
- Internet (BBC Bitesize)

Encouragement

Reading

- KS4 Reading Lists
- Non-fiction texts

<http://www.readingmatters.co.uk/>

<http://www.booktrustchildrensbooks.org.uk/Teenage-Books>

<http://www.cool-reads.co.uk/>

<http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>

<http://www.ukchildrensbooks.co.uk/>

Writing

- Extended pieces of writing
- Narratives, poetry, reviews, reports

The wider value of English

