CORE: English

**COURSE CONTENT:**

All students take two GCSEs in English Language (8700) and English Literature (8702).

* Reading a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts
* Inferring, analysing and exploring meanings and ways of creating meaning
* Writing coherent responses with technical accuracy



Exam Board

Specification

AQA

8700/8702

**Assessment Details**

Students are assessed on their ability to read and respond to unseen fiction and non-fiction texts, as well as their ability to communicate ideas and perspectives in their writing. They also study a 19th Century Novel, a Shakespeare play, a modern drama and a poetry anthology as part of the literature qualification, writing essays on these texts.

**Final Examinations**

English Language:

* 1hr 45m – Reading and Writing Creatively
* 1hr 45m – Writers’ Viewpoints and Perspectives

English Literature:

* 1hr 45m – Shakespeare and the Nineteenth Century Novel
* 2hr 15m – Modern Texts and Poetry

**Skills/Aptitudes Required for Success**

Reading and responding to texts

Writing with a high degree of accuracy and creativity

Ability to memorise quotations and references from texts

**Staff Contact for Further Information**

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