

How will I be assessed/examined?

There are two examinations in English Language and two examinations in English Literature.

Students will receive a GCSE grade 8 -1 (8 being the highest, one being the lowest.) Students sit the same examination regardless of ability; there are no longer tiers (Higher/Foundation). Current advice is that a high 4 or low 5 will be the equivalent of a C grade.

English Language at a Glance:

All texts in the examination will be unseen.

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing	Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives	Non-examination Assessments: Spoken Language
<p>What's assessed</p> <p>Section A: Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One literature fiction text <p>Section B: Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Descriptive or narrative writing 	<p>What's assessed</p> <p>Section A: Reading</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One non-fiction and one literary non-fiction text <p>Section B: Writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing to present a viewpoint 	<p>What's assessed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presenting • Responding to questions and feedback • Use of Standard English
<p>Assessed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes • 80 marks • 50% of GCSE 	<p>Assessed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes • 80 marks • 50% of GCSE 	<p>Assessed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teacher set throughout the course 2. Marked by teacher 3. Separate endorsement (0% weighting of GCSE)
<p>Questions</p> <p>Reading (40 marks) (25%) - one single text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 short form question (1x4marks) • 2 longer form questions (2x8 marks) • 1 extended question (1x20 marks) <p>Writing (40 marks) (25%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 extended writing question (24 marks content, 16 marks accuracy) 	<p>Questions</p> <p>Reading (40 marks) (25%) - two linked texts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 short form question (1x4marks) • 2 longer form questions (1x8, 1x12 marks) • 1 extended question (1x16 marks) <p>Writing (40 marks) (25%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 extended writing question (24 marks content, 16 marks accuracy) 	

English Literature at a Glance:

All assessments are closed book (no texts in the exam): any stimulus materials required will be provided as part of the assessment.

All assessments are compulsory.

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th century novel	Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry
What's assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shakespeare (Macbeth)• The 19th century novel (The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde)	What's assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modern texts (AQA Anthology/ Telling Tales)• Poetry (Power & Conflict)• Unseen poetry
How it's Assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes• 64 marks• 40% of GCSE	How it's assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written exam: 2 hour 15 minutes• 96 marks• 60% of GCSE
Questions <p>Section A: Shakespeare: Students will answer one question on their studied play. They will be required to write in detail about an extract and then to write about the play as a whole.</p> <p>Section B: The 19th century novel: Students will answer one question on their studied novel. They will be required to write in detail about an extract and then to write about the novel as a whole.</p>	Questions <p>Section A: Modern texts: Students will answer one essay question from a choice of two on their studied modern prose or drama text.</p> <p>Section B: Poetry: Students will answer one comparative question on then one named poem printed on the page and one other poem from the studied anthology cluster.</p> <p>Section C: Unseen poetry: Students will answer one question on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem.</p>