



ENGLISH LANGUAGE

GCSE

EXAMINATION BOARD: AQA

SPECIFICATION CODE: 3701 (SPECIFICATION B)

WHY TAKE THIS COURSE?

English GCSE is a basic requirement for all Higher and Further Education courses and for most training courses. It teaches skills vital to the workplace, such as analyzing information, communicating within groups for specified purposes and adapting your writing for different audiences.

AIMS OF THE COURSE

To develop students' ability to use English effectively and accurately in written and oral contexts, and to appreciate a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts.

COURSE STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

Students complete a series of written assignments with a variety of intended contexts and audiences, and a range of oral activities in individual, pair and group situations. Students are asked to respond to a variety of written and other materials for both coursework and examination preparation.

ASSESSMENT

English Coursework:

Reading & Writing, four pieces – 20%:

1. Shakespeare
2. Pre-1914 Prose Study.
3. Personal Writing Fiction.
4. Personal Writing Non-Fiction.

Speaking and listening – 20%:

Three assessed assignments, one drama-related, one group work and one individual extended contribution.

Exam – 60%

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A D grade is the expected minimum requirement to join this course. Consideration may, in exceptional cases, be considered for students who do not meet this criteria but only after direct discussion with the English Department.