

## English Language and Literature

At KS4 in English we follow the AQA English Language and English Literature GCSE syllabus. This academic qualification gives the pupils a broad and varied diet of both modern-day English and Literature and texts from different social and historical contexts, preparing students well for further education and life in the modern world and enables them to develop as a writer, speaker, reader and listener. The course is split into 2 GCSEs that are covered over two years.

In English language pupils study a range of creative extracts and short episodic pieces and they take an exam in Year 11 based upon the work that they complete. They practice skills such as analysing language, structure, evaluation, comparison of texts and recall, as well as having many opportunities to drive their own creative talent forward through exploring and creating a range of narrative and descriptive opportunities as well as exploring non-fiction texts and real-life writing opportunities such as letters, journalistic articles, speeches and leaflets. We ensure pupils are able to gain a real insight into language across time preparing them for a range of career paths they may wish to pursue, including journalism, law, human resources and teaching.

In English Literature pupils study a range of full texts including opportunities to explore seminal works from the likes of Shakespeare, Russell, Priestley, and Dickens. A broad range of forms are also dealt with across the two-year course including both modern and historic plays, novellas and poetry from historical greats such as Wilfred Owen, right up to modern day icons like Carol Anne Duffy John Agard as well as much more in between. Students then take an exam in Year 11 based upon the work that they complete. Practicing skills such as analysing language, structure, evaluation, comparison of texts and recall, as well as having many opportunities to drive progression in essay writing techniques, revision skills text deconstruction. We ensure pupils are able to gain a real insight into Literature across time preparing them for a range of career paths they may wish to pursue, including author, playwright, professor and lecturer.

Our curriculum at KS4 is as follows:

Year 10
Explorations in creative reading and writing
Non-exam assessment – Speaking and Listening
Modern prose or drama texts – Blood Brothers/ An Inspector Calls
19th Century Novel – A Christmas Carol
Year 11
Writers' viewpoints and perspectives
Shakespeare Play – Macbeth/Romeo and Juliet
The poetry anthology – Power and Conflict
Unseen poetry – Diversity and inclusivity

