

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & ENGLISH LITERATURE

Compulsory
Core Subjects

In Years 10 and 11 all of our pupils are prepared for Pearson IGCSE qualifications in both English Language and English Literature. The two subjects are graded separately but the courses are taught concurrently over the two years. The specifications offer assessment through a combination of examination and coursework for both English Language and English Literature.

The International GCSE specifications require candidates to develop and demonstrate a good range of skills in both Reading and Writing, at the same time as offering them an opportunity to experience and enjoy a variety of texts, both modern and from the Literary Heritage. These are skills which will enable them to prosper across the curriculum and in their lives beyond the classroom.

English Language: Paper 1: (Examination) - 60%

Section A requires Reading responses to a mixture of non-fiction texts, both unseen and from the Pearson Anthology. This is a combination of short and long answer tasks but it includes a comparison question.

Section B is a single Transactional Writing task, for example an article or a speech, from a choice of two.

English Language: Paper 2: (Coursework) – 40%

Section A is a single essay response to any two poetry or prose texts from the Edexcel Anthology, including a six mark commentary on why those texts were selected.

Section B is a piece of imaginative writing, again with a choice of tasks.

The Speaking and Listening Assessment is no longer integrated within the English Language IGCSE, though it is still regarded as a vital part of the course which we offer, and the skills set which pupils develop while they are with us.

English Literature: Paper 1: Poetry and Modern Prose (Examination) – 60%

Section A: Unseen Poetry

This will require a response to an unseen modern poem.

Section B: Anthology Poetry

This will be a comparison question in response to poems from the Pearson Anthology. There will be a choice of questions.

Section C: Modern Prose

This will be a single essay question from a choice of two. This is a closed text examination.

English Literature: Paper 2: (Coursework) – 40%

Section A: Modern Drama

Section B: Literary Heritage/Shakespeare

Pupils study two set texts for this component, one modern drama and one from the Literary Heritage. They are required to produce one written assignment on each text.

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