

## SUBJECT:

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Head of Department: Mrs Evans

# GCSE

Exam Board: AQA

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

The new GCSE English course is designed to inspire and motivate students. It equips students with essential reading, writing and communication skills that are required in the work place and in Further Education. Students are taught how to be perceptive and critical judges of writers' choice of language in fiction and non-fiction including the relatively new emerging language of social media. The new course is a linear qualification that commences in Year 9 and is examined at the end of Year 11. There is a significant shift away from Controlled Assessment. In order to achieve the award, students must complete both English exams in June in a single year. Students will also complete a Spoken Language course that is not formally examined. The class teacher will assess this component and students will receive a separate certificate to endorse the standard.

### Assessment

Paper 1: Explorations in creative Reading and Writing: 1 hour 45 minutes  
50% of GCSE

Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints: 1 hour 45 minutes  
50% of GCSE

### Subject Teachers

Mrs Evans (Head of Department)  
Ms King (Second in Department)  
Mr Sharrock  
Mrs Norton  
Mr Harrington    Mr Oakley  
Mrs Hitchin      Mr Mallon

## Higher Education Courses/Careers

Sixth Form: GCE A Level English, English Literature, combined English and Literature and Media Studies.

English and Literature can be studied with a variety of other subjects at university including: History, Politics, Law, and Philosophy.

Careers where this course may be useful are: Journalism, Law, Business, Retail, Marketing, Teaching, and Social Work. It is considered as a generic qualification that is highly regarded for many other career paths.

