

# CORE SUBJECTS



## ENGLISH

All students will study both English Language and Literature at GCSE throughout Years 10 and 11. All external assessments will be examinations taken in the summer of Year 11.



## ENGLISH LANGUAGE AT GCSE

Students will draw upon various texts as reading stimuli and engage with creative, real, and relevant contexts. They will have opportunities to develop higher-order reading and critical thinking skills that encourage genuine enquiry into different topics and themes. This specification will ensure that students can read fluently and write effectively. Students can confidently control Standard English and write grammatically correct sentences, deploy figurative language, and analyse texts.

The new GCSE specifications focus on ensuring that students read fluently and understand a wide range of texts from the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries, including literature, literary nonfiction, and other writing, such as reviews and journalism.

**The format of assessments will be:**

- **Paper 1:** 1hr 45 min - Explorations in Creative reading and writing 50% of GCSE.
- **Paper 2:** 1hr 45 min - Writers' viewpoints and perspectives 50% of GCSE.



# AQA

