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Year 11 Information
Evening
English Language and
English Literature GCSEs

Overview

Students study for two GCSE qualifications in English. One in English Language and one in English Literature.

Both courses are full and very demanding. To that end, the requirement for students to revise topics and texts throughout the GCSE course is greater now than for any previous specification.

GCSE Language

What's assessed?

Paper One-Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

1hr 45 minutes written exam. 80 marks. 50% of the GCSE

► Section A: Reading (40 marks)

One literature fiction text and four accompanying questions

► Section B: Writing (40 marks)

Descriptive or narrative writing

GCSE Language

Spoken Language involves students giving a presentation in class. This doesn't count towards the Language qualification but the result will be reported on their results.

What's assessed?

Paper Two-Writers' viewpoints and perspectives

1hr 45 minutes written exam. 80 marks. 50% of the GCSE

▶ Section A: Reading (40 marks)

One literary non fiction text and one non fiction text with four accompanying questions.

▶ Section B: Writing (40 marks)

Writing to present a viewpoint, for example, a speech, letter, leaflet etc.

GCSE Literature

What's assessed?

Paper One-Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel

1hr 45 minute exam. 64 marks. 40% of the GCSE

▶ Section A Shakespeare:

Students will answer one question on 'Romeo and Juliet'. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the play and then to write about the play as a whole.

▶ Section B The 19th-century novel:

Students will answer one question on the text they have studied, this will be either 'A Christmas Carol' or 'Jekyll and Hyde'. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the novel and then to write about the novel as a whole.

GCSE Literature

What's assessed?

Paper Two-Modern texts and poetry

2hrs 15 minute exam. 96 marks. 60% of GCSE

- ▶ **Section A Modern texts:** students will answer one essay question from a choice of two on 'An Inspector Calls'
- ▶ **Section B Poetry:** students will answer one comparative question on one named poem printed on the paper and one other poem from the power and conflict cluster in the anthology
- ▶ **Section C Unseen poetry:** Students will answer one question on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem.

Preparing

- ✓ CGP revision books. A selection of these will be on sale during the information evening or you can buy these later through Scopay.

GCSE Pod and Seneca-teachers are regularly setting homework using this and there are a wealth of Pods for you to access. Make sure when you watch a pod that you are completing some questions to assess your understanding.

- ✓ Questions from past papers. These will also be made available from your child's English Teacher.
- ✓ Google Classroom-this will be the main way we share resources to support learning and revision. All students are expected to monitor and engage with it routinely.
- ✓ Any other revision homework set by your child's English Teacher.