ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Syllabus: AQA ENGLISH LANGUAGE 8700

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What we aim to do

English Language enables all to succeed in all subjects. The specification has been designed to stretch and challenge, providing opportunities to excel and achieve. The two exam papers will test students' ability to understand a variety of unseen texts, analysing the language from both fiction and non-fiction in the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries as well as being able to write for a specific audience in a designated style.

What we study

We will read a wide variety of non-fiction and fiction texts, either as a whole class, in small groups or independently. You will write notes, practice assignments and respond creatively to the texts we are studying.

Skills needed

KS3 reading, writing, and speaking and listening skills are built on.

How your work will be assessed

Everyone sits two exams for English Language. These are worth 100% of the final GCSE English Language grade.

In the examination, you will have to read and answer a variety of questions on non-fiction and fiction covering the 19th, 20th and 21st century. In addition, there will be two writing tasks to complete, one in each paper.

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Writing and Reading – looks at how writers use narrative and descriptive techniques to engage the interest of the readers.

Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives – looks at how different writers present a similar topic over time.

What this subject can lead to when you finish Year 11 at The Hollyfield School

You need at least a grade 4 in English Language at GCSE in order to get onto a level three course in the Sixth Form with some courses requiring a minimum grade 6.

Possible careers

A good GCSE grade in English is an essential requirement for almost all courses in higher education and will open the door to many future careers. English is used widely in many careers and therefore it is a qualification that is highly valued by employers.

English is a foundation for many university courses:

Literature, Media, Linguistics, Journalism, PR, Marketing, Advertising, Law

Additional information/special requirements

Everyone studies English Language and Literature.

Relevant website links for further information on the course/subject

Specification
Careers advice