

Overview of the GCSE course

There are two parts to the course:

- 1) ENGLISH
- 2) ENGLISH LITERATURE

ENGLISH Exam (Total = 60%)

Paper 1 (1hr 45 mins)

Section A Reading response to non-fiction/media texts. 15%

Section B Choice of one from three or more questions testing writing which seeks to argue, persuade or advise. 15%

Paper 2 (1 hr 30 mins)

Section A Reading response to poetry from different cultures and traditions in the AQA Anthology 15%

Section B Choice of one from three or more questions testing writing which seeks to inform, explain or describe. 15%

English Coursework (Total = 40%)

Three assessed speaking and listening activities. 20%

Two responses to Reading and two responses to Writing. 20%

(Shakespeare, Prose Study, Media, Original Writing = 5% each)

ENGLISH LITERATURE Exam (Total = 70%)

Written Paper (1 hr 45 mins)

Section A One question based on post-1914 Prose. There will be a choice of questions.

Section B One question based on pre-and post-1914 poetry from the Anthology. There will be a choice of questions.

English Literature Coursework (Total = 30%)

Shakespeare 10%

Pre-1914 Prose 10%

Post- 1914 Drama 10%

(N.B. You will do 5 pieces of coursework over the two years as the Shakespeare and the Prose Study act as “crossover” pieces)