



Qualification Name	English Language
Exam Board	Edexcel
Type (e.g. GCSE/BTEC Certificate)	GCSE
Level (1,2 or both)	
GLH (Guided Learning Hours)	
What do I need to know or be able to do before taking this course?	The course is a progression from the Year 9 curriculum and your teachers will be able to provide you with guidance as to your achievement in English and your potential grade.
Course Overview:	English Language comprises of reading and writing tasks. You will study a range of fiction and non-fiction and media texts and write creatively.
What is the course content and how is it assessed?	You are required to read and understand a range of non-fiction texts, identifying the writers' crafts and transferring these skills into their own writing for a range of genres, audiences and purposes.
What kind of work will I need to do outside lessons?	You will need to complete all extended study tasks set by your class teacher. It is also desirable that you read as many fiction and non-fiction texts such as short stories and novels from the 19th Century to contemporary writers and also quality newspapers and magazines in your own time. You may be required to attend additional sessions to
What could I go on to do at the end of my course/possible careers and Further Education:	English Language is essential for all college courses where 4 is a minimum requirement. Anyone hoping to attend university in the future, regardless of the subject, must have achieved at least a C at GCSE.



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Assessment Format:	<p>The course comprises of a terminal examination to be taken at the end of year 11. Candidates will sit two examinations that examine reading and writing skills and will comprise 100% of the marks available. There are two sections to the exam:</p> <p>Component 1: Fiction and Imaginative Writing</p> <p>40% of the total GCSE</p> <p>Component 2: Non-fiction and Transactional Writing</p> <p>60% of the total GCSE</p> <p>The course will be graded from 1-9, with 9 being the highest awardable grade.</p> <p>Further information available from:</p> <p>The English Department.</p> <p>Useful links:</p> <p>http://www.edexcel.com/Pages/Home.aspx</p>