AQA (Code: 8700)
GCSE English Language

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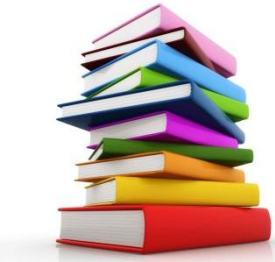
This GCSE course allows students to demonstrate their ability in functional English; to investigate and analyse language; and to experiment using language creatively.

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing
External Examination – 1 hr. 45 minutes (50% of total GCSE)

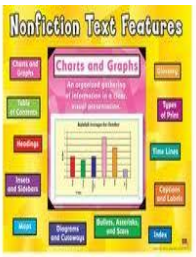
Section A: Students are required to read a single source drawn from literature fiction in order to consider how established, modern and emerging writers use narrative and descriptive techniques to capture the interest of readers. Students will answer four questions about the extract.

Section B: Students will be given a choice of a written prompt and a visual image that is linked to the topic of the reading text in section A. They will complete a creative task which focuses on narrative or descriptive writing skills.



Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives
External Examination – 1 hr. 45 minutes (50% of total GCSE)

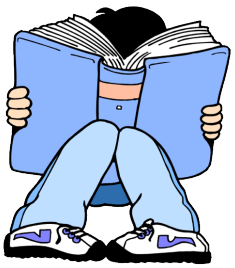
Section A: Students will develop insights into how writers have particular viewpoints and perspectives on issues or themes that are important to the way we think or live our lives. Students will be given two linked sources from different time periods and genres, drawn from the 19th century and either the 20th or 21st centuries. They will answer four questions about the extracts.



Section B: Students will be required to produce a written text to a specified audience, purpose and form in which they give their own perspective on the theme that has been introduced to them in section A.

Non-examination Assessment:
Spoken Language (0% of total GCSE)

Students will be assessed on presenting, responding to questions and feedback and use of standard English. The tasks will be teacher set throughout the course and marked by the teacher. This is a separate endorsement.



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