

8 hours of English per fortnight

Welcome to English

Students are split across 3 small teaching groups

at IKB!

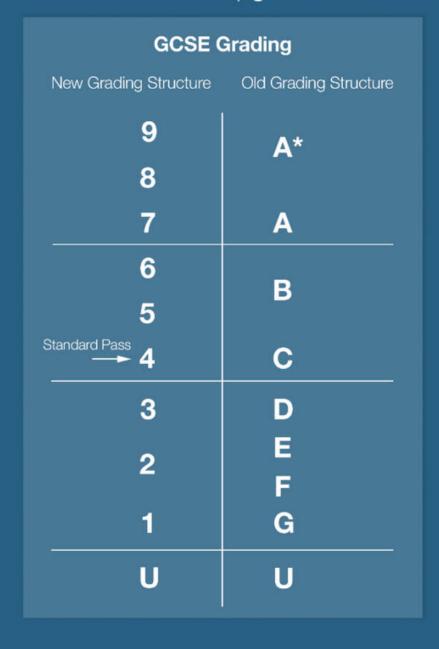
Lots of individual support available

AQA English Language and English Literature GCSEs

General points

- All pupils are now required to study both English Language and English Literature.
- English Language and English Literature are 100% examination qualifications with no option of Foundation or Higher Tier entry. All students sit the same exams and there is no Coursework or Controlled Assessment.
- English Literature exams are closed book, which means no texts allowed.
- SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation + Grammar) is worth 20% of the Language GCSE and carries a small weighting in Literature.

Grades 9-1



Structure of the exams

English Language

English Literature

Paper 1 1 hour 45 minutes

Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

Section A – Reading – fiction

Section B – Writing – Descriptive or Narrative

Paper 2 1 hour 45 minutes

Writers' viewpoints and perspectives

Section A – Reading – non-fiction

Section B – Writing to present a Point of View (Argue/Persuade)

Paper 1 1 hour 45 minutes

Section A – Shakespeare ('Romeo and Juliet')

Section B – 19th Century Novel ('A Christmas Carol')

Paper 2 2 hours 15 minutes

Section A – Modern Drama/Prose ('An Inspector Calls')

Section B – Power and Conflict Poetry

Section C – Unseen poetry

Supporting students at home...

- Read/watch/listen to set texts for Literature 'Romeo and Juliet', 'A Christmas Carol', 'An Inspector Calls' and 15 Power and Conflict poems – discussing/making notes on different sections/chapters/themes/characters/context and learning key quotes.
- Read a wide variety of non-fiction texts to prepare for Language Paper 2 – e.g. magazine and newspaper articles, leaflets, adverts, autobiographical/biographical writing (online or otherwise). As you read, consider the perspectives of the writers and language devices they use – why have they been used and what is the impact on the reader?
- Make technical accuracy a real focus this will affect marks, especially English Language!

Supporting students at home...

- Keep up-to-date with homework on Seneca Learning to continually revise/practise content.
- As we cover content students can chunk their revision by making flashcards, mindmaps, Powerpoints, or any other visual aids that are useful – this will ensure no 'cramming'.
- Complete practice exam questions/papers concentrate on keeping to the timings given for these, especially as the year goes on, as time is a key factor in exams. Immediately act on marking and feedback given.
- The CGP revision guides are good and available on Amazon/from the school reception. There are also useful websites: bbcbitesize.com; englishbiz.co.uk; mrbruff on youtube.com; sparknotes.com