

# ENGLISH AND ENGLISH LITERATURE

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Awarding Body: **AQA**

Specification: **English Language 8700 & English Literature 8702**

English Language and English Literature are examined as separate subjects and our students will gain a GCSE from each of them. Both subjects are taught simultaneously throughout the Lower and Upper Fifth. Both subjects are assessed by 100% linear examination (no coursework or controlled assessment) and will be graded according to the new 1-9 system.

Lessons are varied and stimulating and consist of debate and discussion as well as both analytical and creative reading and writing. For English Literature, pupils work towards two examinations which cover a play by Shakespeare, a nineteenth century novel, a modern text (either drama or prose) and a selection of poetry. For the English Language course, which also culminates in two examinations, pupils are encouraged to produce accurate descriptive and transactional written work and to respond to a range of fiction and non-fiction texts taken from nineteenth, twentieth and twenty-first century sources. Assessment of spelling, punctuation and grammar make up 20% of English Language and 5% of English Literature.

Pupils will complete a Spoken Language assessment that consists of a presentation and a question and answer session. A mark is awarded for this assessment which is recorded separately on certificates as a further endorsement to the English Language qualification.