



Course Information – September 2011

Course Title GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature

Level 2

Awarding Body AQA

What is the content of the course?

English Language and English Literature

English Language

Unit 1: Understanding and producing non-fiction texts

Unit 2: Speaking and Listening

Unit 3: Understanding spoken and written texts and writing creatively

English Literature

Unit 1: Exploring Modern Texts: An Inspector Calls and Mister Pip

Unit 2: Poetry Across Time: Conflict Cluster in the Anthology

Unit 3: The significance of Shakespeare and the Literary Heritage: Macbeth and Dramatic Monologue Poetry

How is the course assessed?

	%	Details:
End of course exams	□	□
Modular exams	Lang 40% Lit 75%	<p>English Language: Unit 1: Understanding and producing non-fiction exam – 2hrs</p> <p>English Literature: Unit 1: Modern texts exam – 1hr 30 mins Unit 2: Poetry across Time exam - 1hr 15 mins</p>
Controlled Assessment	Lang 60% Lit 25%	<p>English Language: Unit 2: Speaking and Listening: Discussion, Role Play and Presenting Unit 3: Understanding Spoken and Written Texts and Writing Creatively: Extended Text study, Creative Writing and Spoken Language Investigation</p> <p>English Literature: Unit 3: The Significance of Shakespeare and the Literary Heritage</p>

Portfolio

How is this course delivered?

Group work – small discussions
Exploration of ideas behind texts through intensity tasks including drama based activities.
Intensive support for writing essays.
Thinking and planning skills taught.

What are the entry requirements?

What skills are useful for success on this course?

Ability to analyse how writers use language
Ability to read beyond the literal and explore the gap between what is said + meant
Ability to write for a range of audiences for a variety of purposes
Ability to consider other views than their own

What opportunities will success on this course give me?

Lawyer, teacher, anything in Arts, Business and Management, Psychology, Personnel, anything involving key skills of communications and teamwork.