

Course Content

The English Language course develops the skills of reading, writing and spoken language. In the Reading Component students read a range of 19th, 20th and 21st century texts, improving their reading comprehension and knowledge of the writers' craft. In response to reading texts they develop the skills of retrieval, explanation, synthesis, comparison and evaluation. In the Writing Component students develop skills in communicating clearly and effectively for a given purpose and audience. Technical accuracy of writing is developed, alongside building a varied range of sentence structures and vocabulary. In the Spoken Language Component students develop skills in spoken Standard English to demonstrate presentation skills in a formal setting.

Exam Board & Certificate

Eduqas English Language - studied by all sets

Assessment

The course is assessed by 100% examination and will be graded 1-9 (9 being the highest). The grade is comprised of 50% examination assessment of reading skills and 50% examination assessment of writing skills (20% of the writing marks being for technical accuracy). The assessment of the Spoken Language Component, although a compulsory part of the course, does not contribute to the overall grade.

Assessment

Assessment Component 1: Examination - 1 hour 45 minutes

* Section A (20%) - Reading

One extract of literature from the twentieth century.

* Section B (20%) - Writing

One creative writing task drawn from a selection of four titles.

Assessment Component 2: Examination - 2 hours

* Section A (30%) - Reading

Two extracts of non-fiction writing from the nineteenth and twenty-first centuries.

* Section B (30%) - Writing

Two compulsory transactional writing tasks.

Assessment Component 3: Spoken Language

* One formal presentation, including responses to questions and feedback.