

Course Title:	English Language
Title of qualification to be gained (if any):	GCSE
Awarding Body (if any):	Edexcel
Essential materials: Writing equipment	

Course Aims
To read widely and critically (to improve own writing), write effectively and coherently using Standard English (inc. spelling, grammar and punctuation), acquire a broad vocabulary alongside knowledge of grammatical terminology, and linguistic conventions for reading, writing and spoken language, understand and use spoken Standard English effectively.
Course Description
Students will read selections from a range of high-quality, challenging prose fiction, in preparation for responding to an unseen 19th-century prose fiction extract in their examination. They will read substantial pieces of writing (extended texts) that make significant demands on them in terms of content, structure and the quality of language. Throughout the qualification, students will develop the skills of inference, analysis and evaluation. Students will use what they have learned about the writer's craft in their reading of fiction to inspire and influence their own imaginative writing. They will develop a range of creative writing techniques, including planning and proofreading skills.
Main topics covered
Fiction and imaginative writing Non-fiction and transactional writing
Learning Outcomes
By the end of the course learners will have: Learners will have gained a strong foundation for further academic and vocational study and for employment and be in a position to progress to a full range of courses in further and higher education.
Teaching and learning methods used
Discussion Group work Reading Writing independently Individual planned presentations Reading news articles External visits

How your work will be assessed

The course will be assessed through 2 external examinations as well as a Spoken Language endorsement

Suggested progression routes

Students can progress from this qualification to Level 3 qualifications in similar disciplines such as English literature, drama, theatre studies, media studies and film studies, and to other qualifications that require literacy skills, knowledge and understanding. This qualification prepares students for progression to further study of English Language at AS and A level and to the study of AS and A level English Language and Literature. These Level 3 qualifications prepare students for a variety of further progression routes.