

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

at SCGSG

Mrs J. Manning

AQA - Specification 8700

English Language & English Literature

Students will follow a coherent programme of English leading to two separate GCSE qualifications incorporating reading and writing.

Speaking and listening skills are assessed separately. The course will help develop your ability:

- to communicate your ideas, knowledge, feelings and points of view;
- to understand and respond sensitively to others;
- to read, enjoy and broaden your experience of literature and non-literary texts;
- to write confidently and accurately in a variety of situations.



What will I study?

All texts in the examination will be unseen.

Paper 1: Explorations into Creative Reading and Writing

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes

Reading (40 marks – 25%) – one literature fiction text
1 short question; 2 longer questions; 1 extended question

Writing (40 marks – 25%) – descriptive or narrative writing
1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)

Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes

Reading (40 marks – 25%) – two linked texts: one non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text
1 short question; 2 longer questions; 1 extended question

Writing (40 marks – 25%) – writing to present a viewpoint
1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)

Non-examination Assessment: spoken Language (previously Speaking and Listening).

A formal presentation with questions and feedback; Internally assessed; A separate endorsement (0% weighting of GCSE)

Where could English take me?

Our students have gone on to study not just English Literature at degree level, but also:

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| • Architecture | • Civil Engineering | • Drama and Theatre |
| • History | • Classics | • Law |
| • Creative Writing | • Sociology | • Medicine |
| • Film Studies | • Psychology | • Pharmacy |

We also have an excellent record of successful candidates who go on to study at Oxbridge as well as joining many great apprenticeships!

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What will I study?

All assessments are closed book.

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes (40%)

Section A: Shakespeare - Students will answer one question on the play they have studied. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the play and then to write about the play as a whole.

Section B: The 19th Century Novel - Students will answer one question on the novel they have studied. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the novel and then to write about the novel as a whole.

Paper 2: Modern Texts and Poetry

Written exam: 2 hours 15 minutes (60%)

Section A: Modern Texts - Students will answer one essay question from a choice of two on the prose or drama text they have studied.

Section B: Poetry - Students will answer one comparative question on one named poem printed in the examination booklet and one other poem from their chosen anthology cluster.

Section C: Unseen Poetry - Students will answer one question on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem.



Required Reading:

We strongly recommend students buy copies of the set texts as these can be annotated and highlighted in lessons:

An Inspector Calls - J. B. Priestley

Macbeth - William Shakespeare

The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde - Robert Louis Stephenson

Poetry anthology: Love and Relationships Cluster (copies provided in school by AQA)

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