

GCSE English Language

Course title: GCSE English Language	Exam board: Edexcel	Specification code: GCSE (9-1) in English Language (1ENO)
How will students be assessed?		
<p>Assessed entirely by terminal exams* (at the end of Year 11). No early entry. No tier of entry. Every student sits the same exams. New grading system 9-1. The English language course gives students the opportunity to study and respond to a range of both fiction, literary non-fiction and non-fiction and media texts – some from the 19th Century. Students will learn to study and produce imaginative and transactional writing too. Students are also required to carry out a spoken language assessment which will appear on all students' certificates as a separately reported grade, alongside the overall grade issued (an endorsement). The course complements the Edexcel English Literature course.</p>		
Paper 1 :		
Fiction and Imaginative Writing		
Section A: Reading		
Short / long questions on unseen 19 th Century fiction. (1 hour) (worth 15%) Study and analyse selections from a range of prose fiction.		
Section B: Imaginative Writing		
Two images provided as stimulus for Imaginative Writing. (45 minutes) (worth 25%) Explore and develop imaginative writing skills.		
Exam – 1 hour 45 minutes (worth 40%)		
Paper 2 :		
Non-fiction, Literary Non-fiction and Transactional Writing		
Section A: Reading		
Short answers on two non-fiction texts, followed by longer response question which is a comparison of writers' use of language. (1 hour 15 minutes) (worth 35%) Study and analyse selections from a range of non-fiction texts (including literary non-fiction).		
Section B: Transactional writing		
Transactional writing two options of writing tasks linked to themes of reading materials – letters, job applications, articles etc. (45 minutes) (worth 25%) Explore and develop transactional writing skills, for example letters, articles, reports.		
Exam - 2 hours (worth 60%)		
Spoken language Endorsement		
A presentation task set and assessed by teacher.		
Students need to demonstrate presentation skills in a formal setting; listen and respond appropriately to spoken language, including to questions and feedback to presentations; use spoken Standard English effectively in speeches and presentations.		
A grade will be recorded separately on certificates, alongside the overall grade issued, as an endorsement to the qualification.		
<p>*Please note that there is no coursework component that contributes to the overall grade for the qualification. The final grade is awarded on exam performance only.</p>		

English Language Y11 2019-20

Half term	Key content
1	Paper 1 English Language
2	
3	Paper 2 English Language preparation English Language Revision Guides independent learning homework schedule (Paper 2 exercises) Prepare for spoken language assessment Prepare for spoken language assessment: independent learning homework and over half-term
4	Prepare spoken language assessments English Language Revision Guides independent learning homework schedule (Paper 1 exercises)
5	Revise Paper 1 and Paper 2 English Language English Language independent learning homework booklet (Paper 1 and 2 exercises)