

# AQA English Language GCSE

<b>Paper 1</b> (Fiction and Creative Writing)	<b>Paper 2</b> (Non-fiction and Transactional Writing)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students read one unseen extract from a fictional text</li> <li>Four reading questions based on the extract making up 25% of the total GCSE grade:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Q1 – information retrieval</li> <li>Q2 – language analysis</li> <li>Q3 – structure analysis</li> <li>Q4 – evaluation of the text</li> </ul> </li> <li>One writing task based on the same theme as the extract. This could be:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A description</li> <li>The opening to a narrative</li> </ul> </li> <li>There will be a choice of two tasks – students complete one.</li> <li>The writing task makes up 25% of the overall exam grade.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students read two unseen extracts from non-fiction texts. One will be a pre-1914 text.</li> <li>Four reading questions based on these extracts, making up 25% of the total GCSE grade:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Q1 – true or false</li> <li>Q2 – summary writing</li> <li>Q3 – language analysis</li> <li>Q4 – comparison of writers' perspectives</li> </ul> </li> <li>One writing task based on an opinionated statement. The task could be:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter</li> <li>Speech</li> <li>Article</li> <li>Blog entry</li> </ul> </li> <li>The writing task makes up 25% of the overall exam grade.</li> </ul>
<b>Exam time:</b> 1 hour 45 minutes	<b>Exam time:</b> 1 hour 45 minutes
Students will also complete a spoken element which is graded at pass, merit or distinction level. This is assessed in their classrooms and graded by their English teacher. This does not affect their overall grade; it is reported separately on their GCSE exam certificate.	

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<b>Paper 1</b> (Anthology Poetry and Novel)	<b>Paper 2</b> (Shakespeare and Unseen Poetry)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One question based on the anthology of poetry, in which students compare two poems from the fifteen studied in class.</li> <li>One question focused on EITHER:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jekyll and Hyde</li> <li>An Inspector Calls</li> </ul> </li> <li>Both parts of the exam require an extended essay response.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One question focused on Shakespeare's Macbeth (extended essay response).</li> <li>One question focused on an unseen poem (extended essay response).</li> <li>One question comparing two unseen poems (short essay response).</li> </ul>
<b>Exam time:</b> 1 hour 40 minutes	<b>Exam time:</b> 1 hour 45 minutes



Students are exposed to a wide range of high-quality fiction and non-fiction texts to develop and master their skills as independent, critical readers and accurate, creative and persuasive writers. Literature revision loops run alongside the study of Language.