English Language



During your study of English in Years 10 and 11, you will prepare for your English Language GCSE. The outline of the qualification is given below.

Unit 1: Non-External Assessment

Oracy: 20%

Task 1 (10%) - Individual Presentation

You will have to make a speech independently based on one of the set themes from the exam board.

Task 2 (10%) - Responding and Interacting

You will be part of a group discussion based on written/visual stimuli from the exam board.

Unit 2 - External Assessment

Reading and Writing: Description, Narration and Exposition 40% (2 hours)

Section A (20%) - Reading

You will need to show understanding of a range of texts. Your understanding will be assessed through a range of questions testing your ability to locate information, use inference and deduction, and to analyse and evaluate. This section will also involve you completing an editing task, demonstrating your understanding of words, sentences and whole texts.

Section B (20%) – Writing

You will choose one writing task out of a choice of two: description, narration or exposition. Marks for this writing task are awarded for content and organisation, and for accuracy (spelling, sentence structure and punctuation). This section will also involve a proofreading task, focusing on writing accurately.

Unit 3: External Assessment

Reading and Writing: Argumentative, Persuasive and Instructional 40% (2 hours)

Section A (20%) - Reading

You will need to show understanding of a range of argumentative, persuasive and instructional texts. Your understanding will be assessed through a range of questions testing your ability to locate information, use inference and deduction, and to analyse and evaluate.

Section B (20%) - Writing

You will have to complete two written tasks in this section – one argumentative and one persuasive. Marks for this writing task are awarded for content, organisation and accuracy.

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The course is divided between Controlled Assessments and study in class leading to External Examinations. We follow the WJEC specification.

English Literature Controlled Assessments

What does controlled assessment for English Literature look like?

UNIT 3: poetry and drama (literary heritage)

Task one - Shakespeare

You will have 2 hours to write an essay which analyses how a theme is explored throughout a Shakespeare play.

Task two - Welsh Poetry

You will Have 2 hours to compare how a theme is explored in a range of Welsh poetry stipulated by the exam board.



What is in the exams?

You will have to take two exams in order to complete English Literature. You will not be permitted to take copies of your set texts with you. The two exams are as follows:

	Unit 1: Prose (different cultures) and poetry (contemporary)	Unit 2a: Literary heritage drama and contemporary prose OR Unit 2b: Contemporary drama and literary heritage prose
How long is the exam?	2 hours	2 hours
What is in the exam?	Section A requires you to answer two questions about your chosen texts. Section B requires you to answer a question comparing two unseen contemporary poems.	This paper requires you to answer two questions on each of your chosen texts (a drama text and a prose text).
What is the exam worth?	The exam is worth 35% of the English Literature qualification.	The exam is worth 40% of the English Literature qualification