

GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

EXAM BOARD: AQA

EXAM BOARD WEBSITE: www.aqa.org.uk

COURSE CODE: 8700

CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT/EXAM WEIGHTING: 100% examination

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

Section A: Reading - pupils answer 4 questions based on a fiction extract. 40 marks.

Section B: Writing – pupils write one response from a choice of two either writing a story or description. 40 marks.

Paper 2: Writers' viewpoints and perspectives

Section A: Reading – pupils answer 4 questions based on two non-fiction texts. 40 marks.

Section B: Writing – pupils write one response with a focus on non-fiction writing. 40 marks.

Each section is equally weighted at 25% of the final mark.

ASSESSMENT:

100% exam

2 papers at the end of Year 11 both 1 hour and 45 minutes

Pupils must also complete a spoken exam. This is not weighted towards the final grade but is a compulsory submission for the exam grade to be validated. Pupils will present a 3 minute speech on a topic of their choice and will respond to questions from their teacher. This component will be filmed and will take place during Year 10.

This course is not tiered and all pupils have access to the full 9-1 grade range.

CAREERS/JOBS:

This course supports career entry in multiple areas. Pupils may choose to move into media professions with a focus on journalism or broadcasting. A grade 5 or above in English is essential for any pupils hoping to pursue a career in teaching. Medicine, law and becoming a vet also require strong English grades.

At Etone College Sixth Form, pupils can continue studying an A Level in English Language provided they meet the entry requirements of a grade 5 or higher.

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