

English Language GCSE

INTRODUCTION

English has a pre-eminent place in education and in society. At GCSE, English is divided into English Language and English Literature courses, offering our students two separate GCSEs. Gaining a qualification in English language demonstrates an ability to read, write and articulate oneself verbally. Studying for English language involves exploration of a range of fiction, non-fiction and literary non-fiction through which students are able to develop culturally, emotionally, intellectually, socially and spiritually.

WHAT TOPICS WILL I STUDY DURING THE COURSE?

Students will also develop their ability to communicate effectively, producing extended pieces of written work to develop their writing for real life applications. These will be adapted based on audience and purpose, so that student's leave the Oaks Academy with the skills necessary to communicate effectively in life after school. This will be developed along side reading a wide variety of non-fiction and fiction texts which help to exemplify how these skills can have a purposeful impact. This will work in conjunction with a Spoken Language study, which is a presentation delivered by the students to help to expand the verbal skills necessary to be successful.

WHAT SKILLS WILL I USE AND DEVELOP?

The skills acquired through studying for the language GCSE are essential to participating fully as a member of society. Moreover, the skills taught are transferable and therefore invaluable to success across the curriculum, and highly regarded by further and higher educational institutions and employers alike, they are invaluable for students' life chances.

Students will also develop extended writing skills in preparation for examination questions in English language exam.

WHAT EXAMINATIONS WILL I TAKE?

Competence in language is tested in two final exams.

Linear Examinations—2 exams

English Language Paper 1: 1 hour 45 mins

English Language Paper 2: 1 hour 45 mins

Students will also complete a speaking and listening assessment where they will produce a presentation on a subject of their choice.

HOW WILL THE COURSE HELP ME WITH MY FUTURE CAREER?

Students will be developing a variety of important communication skills, through speaking, writing and reading which are necessary to be successful in the work place or in further education. Students will also acquire skills needed to successfully evaluate, compare, analyse and be creative in a various forms, and to challenge their own conventional thinking.

Qualifications are now graded from one to nine with nine demonstrating exceptional knowledge, understanding and mastery of skills. Studying for and sitting these exams requires maturity, commitment and resilience but gaining a qualification in either of the English subjects will give students options to study most courses in further education. English is a highly valued qualification and gaining good grades in the subject is a great way to further your life chances.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

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