



GCSE English Language – Core Curriculum

Wales High School - Year 9 Subject Options

Subject Content - What will you be doing?

In English Language, students will read a wide range of fiction, and non-fiction and texts. The knowledge gained from wide reading is then used to inform and improve students own writing. The course teaches students to look at how writers use narrative and descriptive techniques to engage the interest of readers, and demonstrate the same skills in their own creative and opinion writing. Students will also study how different writers present a similar topic over time.

Paper 1:

Section A: Reading

One fiction text.

Section B: Writing

Descriptive or narrative writing.

Paper 2:

Section A: Reading

One pre-twentieth century non-fiction text and one 'modern' non-fiction text.

Section B: Writing

Writing to present a viewpoint.

Key Points about the Subject

- Paper 1 counts for 50% of the final English Language grade.
- Paper 2 counts for 50% of the final English Language grade.
- Speaking and listening skills are assessed but do not contribute to the final grade awarded.
- GCSE grades are reported on a scale of 1-9.
- There will be a range of 'enrichment' opportunities available, including theatre visits and a residential trip to London.

Who can I speak to for more information?

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