

GCSE English Language

Pupils in KS4 follow the AQA syllabus in this subject. During the course they are taught the skills needed to prepare them for the two exams at the end of Year 11.

Paper 1 – Explorations in creative reading and writing

1 hour 45 minutes – 50%

Section A – reading and responding to an unseen extract from a literature fiction text.

Section B – a choice of descriptive or narrative writing

Paper 2 – Writer’s Viewpoints and Perspectives

1 hour 45 minutes- 50%

Section A – Reading and responding to two unseen texts, one non-fiction and one literary non-fiction.

Section B – One piece of writing in which pupils are asked to express their views on a given subject. The writing might be: an article, a letter, a speech, a report, to argue or a review.

Presenting

Pupils will also prepare a five minute presentation on a challenging subject of their choice. This will be recorded as evidence for the exam board and separately accredited on their certificate.

GCSE English Literature

Pupils will study the AQA syllabus in this subject. During the course they will study the texts and develop the skills needed to help them to succeed in their year 11 exams.

Paper 1 -1 hour 45 minutes – 40%

Section A – Shakespeare

Pupils will study and respond to a Shakespeare play.

Section B – Nineteenth century novel

Pupils will study and respond to a nineteenth century novel.

Paper 2 – 2 hours 15 minutes – 60%

Section A – Modern Text

Pupils will study and respond to either a modern play or novel.

Section B – AQA Anthology Poetry

Pupils will study and respond to 15 poems, based around a theme from this anthology. In the exam they will have to write about two of the poems.

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Section C – Unseen Poetry

Pupils will answer one question on an unseen poem in detail.

They will then answer a shorter question making comparisons between the first poem and a second unseen poem.

AQA Functional English

Pupils will be entered for this additional qualification at different points throughout the year.

It assesses English skills used in the real world beyond school. Pupils will be assessed on: reading, writing and speaking and listening. This course also helps pupils to develop skills needed for GCSE English Language. There are two levels of entry: Level 1 and Level 2.

Maple Medical PRU, Key Stage 3 syllabus for English Language and Literature

Term 1

English Language:

Accelerated Reader for all students

Reading Skills and Writing Skills (including a homework booklet)

English Literature:

Prose: The study of a novel

Pre 20th Century literature

Term 2

English Language:

Accelerated Reader for all students

Reading Skills and Writing Skills (including a homework booklet)

English Literature:

Travel Writing

The Study of a Play

Term 3

English Language:

Accelerated reader for all students

Reading Skills and Writing Skills (including a homework booklet)

English Literature:

Shakespeare and Poetry

Prose: the Study of a Modern Novel