

KS4 English

The two-year courses in English Language and English Literature follow the requirements of the National Curriculum Programmes of Study for Key Stage 4. Although taught in an integrated way there are two separate examinations and two separate certificates will be awarded. In English Language a variety of literary, non-literary and media texts will be studied and writing for a variety of purposes will be undertaken (e.g., instructional, argumentative and persuasive). Speaking and Listening tasks will be an integral part of the work and are assessed internally, usually one per term. Reading and Writing will be assessed by one examination paper and a 40% coursework element (oral 20% and writing 20%).

The English Literature syllabus focuses on the literary tradition, social and historical contexts and comparison of texts. In the two years of the course five major set texts are studied, one of which is by Shakespeare and another is post 1914. There is a wide variety of poetry study undertaken, drawn from contemporary poets as well as the English canon. Coursework counts for 25% of the course and 75% is examination.