

English

GCSE Part 1

What does the course include?

This is a one year course for students who have not achieved a D grade in GCSE English. The course will help you develop your skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening, whilst also encouraging you to enjoy English. During the course you will study a variety of texts including fiction, non-fiction and media. You will also develop your knowledge of the English language and learn about using appropriate grammar.

How will I learn?

The part 1 course is four hours a week. During this time you will be given opportunities to do a range of tasks, working individually as well as in groups and as a whole class. You will study a range of texts (non-fiction and fiction), learn how to adapt your writing for different purposes and audiences and take part in class discussions and presentations.

During the year you will complete at least two pieces of coursework which you will be able to carry through to GCSE in the following year. Your teacher will supervise your work and you will be able to get additional help from other members of staff. You will be set homework throughout the year, and it is essential that you keep up with this, if you are to improve your skills.

How will my work be assessed?

Your teacher will mark your work regularly during the year and check that you are making progress. There will also be two internal exams, one in November and one at Easter where you will be expected to respond to non-fiction, write a short personal piece for a particular audience, and respond to some poetry which you have studied in class.

What are the entry requirements?

You will join a part one class if you have not achieved a D grade in GCSE English (you may have taken a Foundation course with us or come from another school). At the end of the year, if you successfully complete the part 1 course, you will be able to progress to a one year GCSE class.

What are the opportunities after this course for further/higher education and employment?

A grade C in GCSE English (along with 4 other A-C grades) is necessary for entry on to most Advanced level courses. It is also a requirement for university level study and demanded by most employers.