

Writing

- producing clear and coherent text: writing effectively for different purposes and audiences: to describe, narrate, explain, instruct, give and respond to information, and argue; selecting vocabulary, grammar, form, and structural and organisational features judiciously to reflect audience, purpose and context; using language imaginatively and creatively; using information provided by others to write in different forms; maintaining a consistent point of view; maintaining coherence and consistency across a text.
- writing for impact: selecting, organising and emphasising facts, ideas and key points; citing evidence and quotation effectively and pertinently to support views; creating emotional impact; using language creatively, imaginatively and persuasively, including rhetorical devices (such as rhetorical questions, antithesis, parenthesis).

Spoken Language

- presenting information and ideas: selecting and organising information and ideas effectively and persuasively for prepared spoken presentations; planning effectively for different purposes and audiences; making presentations and speeches.
- responding to spoken language: listening to and responding appropriately to any questions and feedback.
- spoken standard English: expressing ideas using standard English whenever and wherever appropriate.

How will my work be assessed?

The GCSE in English Language is 100% examination-based; the spoken language non-examination assessment element is a separate endorsement with a 0% weighting of the GCSE.

Candidates will sit two separate examinations as follows:

Paper 1 – Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

This is a written examination worth 80 marks and makes up 50% of the GCSE. The duration of the examination is 1 hour 45 minutes.

Section A Reading (25%) – one literature fiction text.

Section B Writing (25%) – descriptive or narrative writing.

Paper 2 – Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

This is a written examination worth 80 marks and makes up 50% of the GCSE. The duration of the examination is 1 hour 45 minutes.

Section A Reading (25%) – one non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text.

Section B Writing (25%) – writing to present a viewpoint.

Non-Exam Assessment: presenting, responding to questions and feedback, use of standard English.

