

In years 10 and 11 pupils work towards GCSEs in English Language and Literature. We follow the AQA specification in line with our mainstream partner schools.

During the course, pupils will study a Shakespeare play, a Nineteenth Century Novel, a modern play and a selection of poetry from 1789 – the present day. They will also study excerpts from a wide range of literary texts and practice analysing, evaluating and comparing writers' choices of language, structure and form in preparation for the unseen texts they will encounter in the exam. Pupils will have the opportunity to develop both their comprehension and critical reading skills. The set texts also act as stimulus for writing tasks and pupils will develop their own writing for different purposes and audiences.

In addition to the GCSEs, pupils will also take AQA Functional Skills English qualification. This gives students practical skills for the modern world and helps them get the most from life, learning and work. This extra qualification aims to ensure students have good communication skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening. It assesses whether students can use these skills in everyday situations. Pupils are regularly assessed in English using the Star Reading Test, Suffolk Spelling and numerous practice GCSE questions. Teaching is then carefully planned to meet the needs of individual pupils to ensure they make expected or better progress.

Pupils also benefit from educational visits such as theatrical productions and visits to museums.

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