

English (compulsory)

Learners will have 8 English lessons a fortnight at Key Stage 4.

For the majority of learners, these will follow the course for both English Language and English Literature.

For those learners who struggle with the subject, all lessons will be focused on ensuring they secure their English Language qualification.

GCSE English Language Overview

Units	Content/Assessment Type	Weight
Unit 1: Oracy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-examined assessment;• Individual, researched presentation;• Group discussion in response to stimuli.	20%
Unit 2: Reading & Writing - Description, Narration, & Exposition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 hour written examination;• Understanding description, narration and exposition texts, writing techniques and structures;• Editing and proof-reading.	40%
Unit 3: Reading & Writing - Argumentation, Persuasion & Instructional	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 hour written examination;• Understanding argumentation, persuasion, and instruction texts, writing techniques and structures.	40%

GCSE English Literature Overview

Units	Content/Assessment Type	Weight
Unit 1: Prose & Poetry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 hour written examination;• Study of and individual text (Of Mice and Men), in context;• Study and comparison of contemporary poetry.	35%
Unit 2: Literary Heritage, Drama & Contemporary Prose	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 hour written examination;• Close study of two texts (Blood Brothers and A Christmas Carol), in context.	40%
Unit 3: Shakespeare & Welsh Writing in English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-examined assessment;• Study of Shakespeare play, chosen by centre;• Close study and comparison of at least two Welsh poems, on a theme set by the exam board.	25%