

English Language and Literature (*compulsory*)

The majority of learners will follow the double award for English Language and Literature, which comprises six units. However, some learners may follow the single, in order to ensure they achieve the best results. Staff will identify learners who may benefit from this.

GCSE English Language and Literature Overview

Units 1-3 (Single & Double Award)	Content/Assessment Type	Weight
Unit 1: Context and Meaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 hour 30 min written exam.• Section A includes a analytical comparative essay based on one anthology poem, and one unseen.• Section B is extended writing, where learners can choose between questions to answer.	30% (Single) 15% (Double)
Unit 2: Belonging	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-examined assessment.• Written essay based on set text.• Researched oral presentation linked to theme, issue, representation and relationship from set text.	20% (Single) 10% (Double)
Unit 3: Influence & Power	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-examined assessment.• Group discussion based on set texts from given theme.• Non-fiction writing response informed by ideas and opinions gained from set texts.	20% (Single) 10% (Double)

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Unit	Content/Assessment Type	Weight
Unit 4a: Motivations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 hour 30 min written exam.• Includes analytical essay based on set text.• Extended creative writing task in response to one of two questions.	30%

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Units	Content/Assessment Type	Weight
Unit 4b: Motivations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 hour 30 min written exam.• Includes analytical essay based on set text.• Extended creative writing task in response to one of two questions.	20%
Unit 5: Continuity and Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-examined assessment.• Extended response based on study of Shakespeare play.• Paired discussion based on set text poems.	20%
Unit 6: Connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 hour 30 min written exam.• Includes comparative and evaluative responses to set non-fiction text and unseen text.• Non-fiction writing in response to one of two questions.	20%