

# English Language Specification

## Assessments

All texts in the examination will be unseen.

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing
<b>What's assessed</b> <b>Section A: Reading</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• one literature fiction text</li></ul> <b>Section B: Writing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• descriptive or narrative writing</li></ul>
<b>Assessed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes</li><li>• 80 marks</li><li>• 50% of GCSE</li></ul>
<b>Questions</b> <b>Reading (40 marks) (25%)</b> – one single text <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)</li><li>• 2 longer form questions (2 x 8 marks)</li><li>• 1 extended question (1 x 20 marks)</li></ul> <b>Writing (40 marks) (25%)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)</li></ul>

Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives
<b>What's assessed</b> <b>Section A: Reading</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• one non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text</li></ul> <b>Section B: Writing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• writing to present a viewpoint</li></ul>
<b>Assessed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes</li><li>• 80 marks</li><li>• 50% of GCSE</li></ul>
<b>Questions</b> <b>Reading (40 marks) (25%)</b> – two linked texts <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)</li><li>• 2 longer form questions (1 x 8, 1 x 12 marks)</li><li>• 1 extended question (1 x 16 marks)</li></ul> <b>Writing (40 marks) (25%)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)</li></ul>

Non-examination Assessment: Spoken Language
<b>What's assessed</b> (AO7–AO9) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• presenting</li><li>• responding to questions and feedback</li><li>• use of Standard English</li></ul>
<b>Assessed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• teacher set throughout course</li><li>• marked by teacher</li><li>• separate endorsement (0% weighting of GCSE)</li></ul>