



English

“I used to dream about the future when I was a kid, I think a great deal of that grew out of the fact I had a chance to read a lot.”

Bill Gates



Why?

"WHY SHOULD I STUDY ENGLISH? I CAN SPEAK PROPER GOOD NOW ANYWAY."



Reading

I. READ AND UNDERSTAND TEXTS, SELECTING MATERIAL APPROPRIATE TO PURPOSE, COLLATING FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES AND MAKING COMPARISONS AND CROSS-REFERENCES AS APPROPRIATE.

II. EXPLAIN AND EVALUATE HOW WRITERS USE LINGUISTIC, GRAMMATICAL, STRUCTURAL AND PRESENTATIONAL FEATURES TO ACHIEVE EFFECTS AND ENGAGE AND INFLUENCE THE READER, SUPPORTING THEIR COMMENTS WITH DETAILED TEXTUAL REFERENCES.



Writing

I. COMMUNICATE CLEARLY, EFFECTIVELY AND IMAGINATIVELY, USING FORMS AND SELECTING VOCABULARY APPROPRIATE TO TASK AND PURPOSE IN WAYS WHICH ENGAGE THE READER.

II. ORGANISE INFORMATION AND IDEAS INTO STRUCTURES AND SEQUENCED SENTENCES, PARAGRAPHS AND WHOLE TEXTS, USING A VARIETY OF LINGUISTIC AND STRUCTURAL FEATURES TO SUPPORT COHESION AND OVERALL COHERENCE.

III. USE A RANGE OF SENTENCE STRUCTURES FOR CLARITY, PURPOSE AND EFFECT, WITH ACCURATE PUNCTUATION AND SPELLING.



WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL STUDY IN ENGLISH



Students will complete a GCSE in English Language and a GCSE in English Literature.

- **English Language:** 60% Final Exam
40% Controlled Assessments
(Plus: A Speaking and Listening Certificate)
- **English Literature:** 75% Two Exams
25% Controlled Assessment



COURSE OUTLINE FOR LANGUAGE/LITERATURE ROUTE 2014 - 2015



		2014					2015						
		Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	
Year 10		Text (Of Mice and Men)	Text (Of Mice and Men) + 1 Creative Writing	Creative writing (possibly based on OMAM) + S & L	Unit 1 skills	Unit 1 skills	Spoken Language	Poetry + 2nd creative writing piece	Poetry/ Shakespeare	Shakespeare + Sp & L	Shakespeare		
Key Dates			Extended Reading assessment: w/c 13/10/14	Creative writing assessment w/c: 24/11/14		Language mock exam: w/c 19/1/15	Spoken Language assessment: w/c	Creative Writing Assessment w/c 25/3/15			Shakespeare Assessment w/c 8/6/15		
		2014					2015						
Year 11		New creative writing piece	An Inspector Calls	Unit 1 revision for mock exam	Poetry	Poetry (S & L)	Of Mice and Men revision	Unit 1 revision following mocks	Unit 1 revision	Lang / Lit Exam revision			
Key Dates		Creative writing assessment: w/c: 15/9/14	Lit exam question for In. calls /possible new extended reading piece	Language mock exam: Early December		Poetry paper mock: end of Jan	Literature exam question for OMAM (possible new extended reading piece)	Finally chance to complete any controlled assessments		Final Exams.			
		Language											
	Literature	This is the course you will be following over the next two years. You can see each subject you will be studying, and when you will be assessed in these subjects. Remember: you are working towards two GCSEs, one in English Language, the other in English Literature. There are a series of Controlled Assessments to complete towards these GCSEs. You can see the dates of these Assessments on the planning grid. All Assessments count towards your final grades, so it is important you don't miss any. Final exams take place in May/June 2015/2016.											
	Language and Literature												



Year 10 Controlled Assessments

- Four written pieces make up 40% of the grade in **English Language** and 25% in **English Literature**.

English Language

- Two Creative Writing pieces 15%
- One Extended Reading essay (responding to a text studied in class) 15%
- One Spoken Language essay (analysing how spoken language is used) 10%

English Literature

- One essay which asks them to make links between a play by Shakespeare and another text 25%



Year 10: Exam Preparation

English Language/English

Understanding and producing non-fiction texts

This exam makes up the other 60% of the English Language grade.

Section A

Students have to answer questions on three unseen non-fiction texts. This section tests reading skills. 30%

Section B

Students will produce two pieces of writing, testing their ability to effectively use a wide range of writing skills. 30%



Year 11: Exam Preparation

English Literature

Exam: Exploring Modern Texts

This exam makes up 40% of the English Literature Grade.

Section A: Exploring Cultures

An essay question on '**Of Mice and Men**' by John Steinbeck

Section B: Modern Prose or Drama

An essay question on '**An Inspector Calls**' by J B Priestley

Exam: Poetry Across Time

This exam makes up 35% of the English Literature Grade.

Section A: Poetry cluster from the anthology

Responding to a cluster of poems they have studied from the English Anthology

Section B: Responding to an unseen poem

An essay on an unseen poem.



HOME LEARNING/ADDITIONAL SUPPORT.

Additional Support

Students will be offered a range of additional support:

- Plus One sessions after school (focusing on key areas)
- Morning intervention sessions (during registration)
- One-on-one support with class teacher/English Co-ordinator
- Catch up sessions
- Individual/group sessions with English Mentor

Home Learning

Students will be set weekly homework to consolidate work covered in class. There are also links on the English page of the school website to help students make progress. These include:

- Past papers
- Podcast revision activities
- 'Iamlearning' exercises



HOME LEARNING/ADDITIONAL SUPPORT.

It is what you read when you don't
have to that determines what you will
be when you can't help it.

–Oscar Wilde



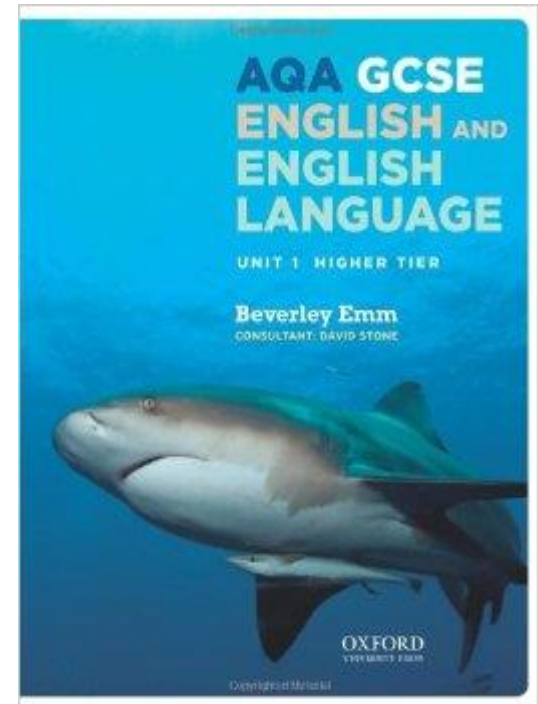
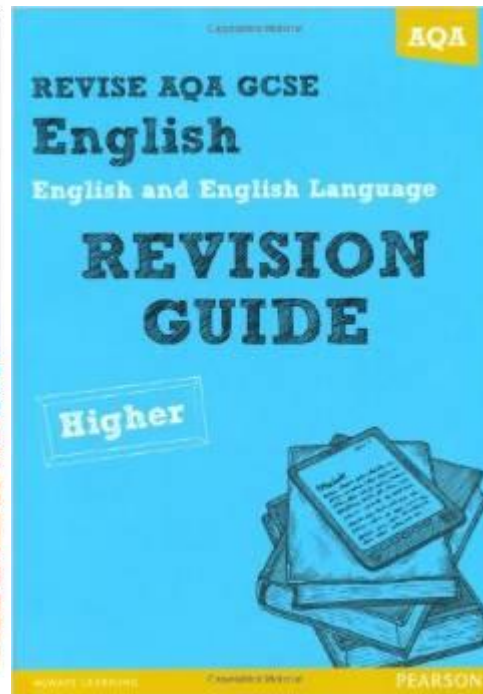
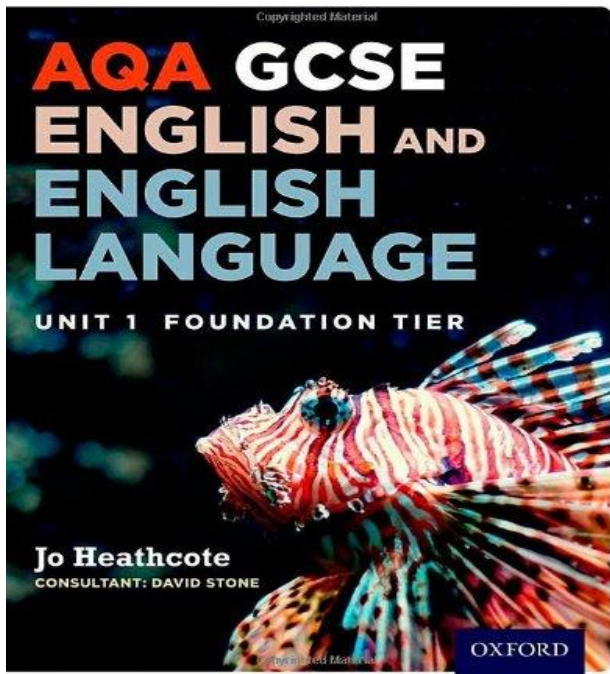
What can you do to help?

- **Encourage your child to read a range of different texts at home and spend time discussing them.**
- Keep an eye on developments on the school website
- Encourage attendance at all extra sessions.
- Check to see if your child is recording and completing homework
- Keep in contact with your child's English teacher



What can you do to help?

- Buy an AQA revision guide
Oxford University Press Or Pearson Education





Exams

- English Language Mock Exams will take place in January 2015.
- Final Exams will be taken in the summer of 2016.