

# GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Subject Area	Qualification	Level	Awarding Body
English – Social Studies & Sixth Form	GCSE English Language	Level 2	AQA

## Course Summary

The programme is designed for young people aged 16 – 19 to prepare them for future study. The course allows students to gain knowledge and experience in reading, writing and speaking and listening up to a level appropriate to undertake a Level 3 course.

## How will I be assessed?

The course has a 40% examination unit, 20% Speaking and Listening unit to be assessed through controlled assessment at various times throughout the year and the final 20% is by completing the unit 'Understanding and Producing Creative Texts' which will be assessed by controlled assessment at various times throughout the year. (Please note there is no longer a coursework unit to GCSE English). Controlled Assessment is a new requirement for GCSE level and consists of a number of assessments that will be produced under controlled (exam) conditions. This replaces the coursework that appeared in previous GCSE courses.

## Entry Requirements

This course is designed for learners with a grade D at GCSE English from previous study.

## How much time will I spend on the course?

The timetable will consist of 3 hours of English timetabled throughout the week.

## How is the course taught?

There will be a variety of methods including pair work, group work and class discussion. Students must be prepared to study individually and as part of a team.

## Where is the course taught?

Redditch Campus.

## Who is this course suitable for?

This course is suitable for anyone who did not achieve a grade C with previous study, but who has a grade D and who wishes to move on to level 3 study.

## What materials do I have to provide?

Learners will need to be prepared with writing materials and folders for storage of course material.

## What are the mandatory modules or units?

All units on the GCSE course are mandatory. Not completing a unit means you will not pass the course.

## What can I do after this course?

Students achieving a C at GCSE English are more likely to find employment than those without. Furthermore, this course is a necessity for application and progression on to all Level 3 courses.

## What careers would this course be useful for?

The skills gained on the course are transferable to a range of job areas.

## How do I apply / join this course?

You first need to be enrolled on a Level 2 course at NEW College. Your course tutor will then assist you to complete an application form and then you will be interviewed by the GCSE course tutor.

## Can I get any financial support with the costs of study?

From September 2011, young people who need financial support to help them stay in Education or training after 16 can apply to NEW College for the new 16-19 Bursary Fund.

Those most in need will be eligible for a bursary of £1200 a year. This includes young people in care, care leavers, young people receiving income support and disabled young people receiving both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance. Young people eligible for income support will include some teenage parents, young people estranged from their families, and those whose parents have died.

Other students facing financial difficulties may also be able to claim a bursary to help with costs of transport, food, equipment or other course-related costs.