

Summary of changes to English Language:

This specification has been developed in line with the Regulatory Requirements provided by the DfE and OFQUAL.

The assessment of Reading and Writing must be by 100% examination – this means the only controlled assessment will be for Spoken Language.

The examinations must be un-tiered – so there cannot be a higher or foundation tier paper.

The requirement is for a total of 3 ½ hours of examinations.

Students must respond to 19th, 20th and 21st century texts in every examination series.

Texts must cover a range of genres and types.

Texts must be high-quality and challenging.

Texts must include literature and extended literary non-fiction.

Students must compare texts.

Spoken Language (formerly Speaking and Listening) will still be required but reported separately as an endorsement and given a 0% weighting.

Spoken Language (formerly Speaking and Listening) remains part of the Assessment Objectives for GCSE English Language.

50% of the total marks must be for Reading.

50% of the total marks must be for Writing.

Please also see the full GCSE specification for all candidates for the full details of the changes to the specification.

Our English Language specification is:



