

English DEPARTMENT

GCSE English Language – AQA – 2022 UPDATE FOR YR11

GCSE English language and GCSE English literature have been impacted by the COVID pandemic. With this in mind, the exam board have made certain concessions, which students are aware of, following classroom conversations. Concessions are outlined below.

AQA English language Paper 1 – No concessions have been made to the study of this unit, due to the nature of the unit. In Section A of the exam, students will be given an unseen Fiction extract, and will be asked to answer 4 questions which assess their analytical reading skills. These questions vary in length and complexity, and the skills to ensure success in these areas are taught frequently in all English lessons. Section B of this exam is a creative writing task, designed to assess the writing skill of all candidates.

AQA English language Paper 2 - In order to support the examination process, AQA have announced that the English language paper 2 content will be as follows:

Section A Reading

Source A

21st century
Autobiographical writing

Source B

19th century
Essay

Section B Writing

Question 5

Article

This information will influence how year 11 students are taught as the examinations approach, and provides the opportunities for students to hone their skills in these areas.

Spoken Endorsement – Student will need to create a presentation between 2-10 minutes long. Students are no longer required to be recorded, and may present before one person, who must be the teaching, or the presentation may be conducted virtually. This should be completed by the Easter break at the latest.

GCSE ENGLISH Literature - Pearson – 2022 UPDATE FOR YR11

Due to changes which were made at the start of the new academic year, there will be no further changes to the GCSE English examination requirements. The requirements are as follows:

English Literature Paper 1 – Section A – Macbeth; Section B – An inspector calls. All centre must complete this examination.

English Literature Paper 2 – For the 2022 cohort there is a choice of studying the 21st Century novel or Poetry; Crestwood school has chosen to complete the 19th Century novel study paper, and so students will have studied either A Christmas Carol or Jekyll and Hyde.

All certifications will be awarded in the Summer 2022.