



## Key Stage 4 overview

### KS4

All students in Key Stage 4 follow courses in both Language and Literature which enables them to obtain 2 separate GCSEs. With the eradication of coursework and controlled assessments, our aim is to prepare students to face 4 terminal exam papers; 2 in Language and 2 in Literature.

Students therefore study a wide range of materials including fiction and non-fiction writing, 19th century non-fiction, Shakespeare, a modern drama, Poetry and a novel. They are then tested on all of these elements in the exams. The new 1-9 grading system (with 9 being the top and 1 being the bottom end of the marking scale) grades students based on what they have learnt over their 2 year course.

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## Year 9 Overview

### KS5

In Key Stage 5 students follow the International Baccalaureate (IB) in English Language and Literature. It is a 2 year course which covers Language elements in both cultural context and mass communication where students study texts from a variety of sources genres and media. The Literature part will mean students will study 4-5 texts providing critical analysis of them in some detail. The course is assessed by an Internal Assessment (30% weighting) consisting of oral commentary and External Assessment (70% weighting) consisting of 2 terminal papers and 3 shorter written tasks with the best of the three chosen for assessment.

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