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OBHS KS4 Subject Information

English

Title of course:

GCSE English Language and
GCSE English Literature

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Course Overview

Why study English?

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Most employers and universities will want you to have a grade 4+ in English at GCSE.

Employers say that one of the most valuable things they look for in the people who work for them is good communication skills and this means writing and presentation as well as talking. We want students at OBHS to be fluent readers, writers and effective communicators to enable them to fully participate in all aspects of society.

The study of English literature and English language allows students to develop their analytical skills, as well as gain knowledge of history, culture, philosophy and even human behaviour.

What careers can I get with English?

English is good for any job that involves communication, writing and / or literary knowledge. These include: advertising and marketing, writing and journalism, law, consultancy, business, teaching, performing arts, academia, government, linguistics, foreign languages, media and design. Careers in the sciences, engineering, technology and maths also need more English than you think. Writing proposals, academic papers & articles and communicating with others is key to getting funding for projects and reaching people with your work.



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Examination and Assessment: Examination Board: AQA

English Language

Explorations in creative reading and writing

Writer's viewpoints and perspectives

Spoken Language component

2 exams:

- Paper 1 Explorations in creative reading and writing. 1 hour 45 mins
- Paper 2 Writer's viewpoints and perspectives. 1 hour 45 mins
- 1 x spoken component

English Literature

Macbeth

A Christmas Carol

An Inspector Calls

Love and Relationships Poetry Cluster

Unseen Poetry

2 exams:

- Paper 1: Macbeth & A Christmas Carol.
1 hour, 45 mins
- Paper 2: An Inspector Calls & Poetry.
2 hours, 15 mins