



ERASMUS DARWIN ACADEMY

Excellence for All

GCSE English Language & English Literature

Aims

- To draw upon a range of texts as reading stimulus and engage with creative as well as real and relevant contexts.
- To develop higher-order reading and critical thinking skills that encourage genuine enquiry into different topics and themes.
- To foster a love for a range of texts from Shakespeare and the 19th century novel to modern texts.

The Course

All students will take AQA English Language and English Literature which will result in the award of two separate GCSEs in each subject.

Over the qualifications stage students will study:

- Creative writing and writing to present viewpoints
- A variety of extracts from challenging and engaging texts
- Shakespeare play: 'Macbeth'
- 19th Century Novel: 'The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde'
- Modern text: 'An Inspector Calls'
- A range of poetry.

In addition to this, students complete a non-examination assessment on spoken language.

Assessment

For English Language, students sit two equally-balanced papers, relating reading sources to the topic and theme of writing tasks. The reading sources act as a stimulus for writing tasks, providing students with a clear route through each paper. Each paper has a distinct identity. Paper 1, Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing, looks at how writers use narrative and descriptive techniques to engage the interest of readers. Paper 2, Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives, looks at how different writers present a similar topic over time.

Post 16 Opportunities and Careers

- English Language
- English Literature
- Drama and Theatre Studies

Students can apply the skills of Language and Literature to any career they endeavour to pursue. They can also directly link to writing, journalism, teaching and business.

Exam Board Information

AQA: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse>

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