

ENGLISH

English is a core subject in which you will be awarded with two separate GCSE qualifications for the study of English language and English literature. We follow the AQA specification at Uxbridge High School and the course of study begins in Year 10.

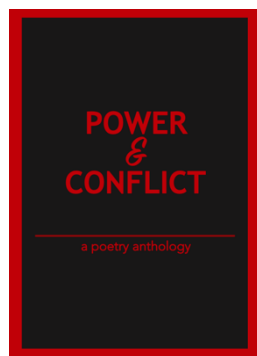
English language

English language covers a broad range of skills and has real significance in one's ability to engage with the world around them. The two exams are divided into fiction and non-fiction to ensure that students have the understanding to interpret everything from novels to political speeches. This subject also offers the opportunity to hone creative writing skills in a wide variety of styles from short stories to newspaper articles.

English literature

Our study of English literature will focus on analysis, debate and forming critical interpretations about the texts we are studying. Your exam will be closed book and therefore it is important to know these texts inside out! English Literature is a subject that explores the very nature of humanity and interrogates complex ideas about the inner workings of a person's mind. You will be taught how to structure analytical essays and to write confidently and convincingly about much-loved literary works.

Set texts: An Inspector Calls, Macbeth, A Christmas Carol, Power and Conflict Cluster of AQA Poetry Anthology.



Speaking and listening

As well as perfecting the skills of reading and writing, English also affords the opportunity to develop speaking and listening skills. An oral exam takes place within the summer term of Year 10 and allows students to present back to the class on a topic of their choice that they feel very passionate about.