

ENGLISH

As a core subject, all students at UHS will study for GCSEs in both English Language and English Literature. We have a broad English curriculum allowing all students the opportunity respond to both fiction and non-fiction texts as well as developing their own writing skills. Reading is still at the heart of English, so we have selected texts which allow students to experience a wide variety of genre. We study the AQA specification for both Language and Literature which you can access on their website; [AQA | Subjects | English](#)

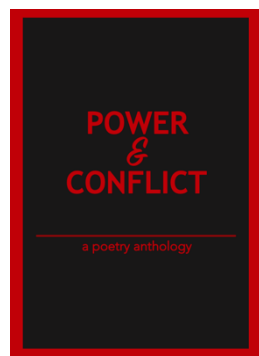
English language

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 amazing 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. This is a chance for students to develop the confidence to articulate their views and ideas, engage their audience and persuade them to consider their view. These are skills which are not only valuable in the classroom, but also essential for the outside world beyond it.