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| <b>Exam board:</b> AQA   | <b>Course Code:</b> 8700 |
| <p><b>Outline of course:</b><br/> The study of English Language helps to develop all students into strong, confident communicators, able to express themselves clearly and able to analyse, synthesise, compare and evaluate information.</p> <p>Through studying English Language at GCSE, students will explore a range of extracts from 20th or 21st century prose fiction texts, with a focus on openings, endings, narrative perspectives and points of view, narrative or descriptive passages, character, atmospheric descriptions and other appropriate narrative and descriptive approaches. Students will apply these techniques to their own writing, crafting passages of creative writing to demonstrate their narrative and descriptive skills in response to a written prompt, scenario or visual image.</p> <p>Students will also study non-fiction texts drawn from the 19th century, and either the 20th or 21st century. The combination will provide students with an opportunity to consider viewpoints and perspectives over time. Choice of genre will include high quality journalism, articles, reports, essays, travel writing, accounts, sketches, letters, diaries, autobiography and biographical passages or other appropriate non-fiction and literary non-fiction forms. Students will then apply non-fiction writing skills in their own original writing, considering audience, purpose and form, using a range of opinions, statements and writing scenarios to provoke a response.</p> |                          |
| <p><b>Assessment:</b><br/> Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing (written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes, 80 marks, 50% of GCSE)<br/> Section A: Reading- one literature fiction text.<br/> Section B: Writing- descriptive or narrative writing.</p> <p>Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives (written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes, 80 marks, 50% of GCSE)<br/> Section A: Reading- one non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text.<br/> Section B: Writing- writing to present a viewpoint.</p> <p>There is no foundation or higher tier for either English exam so all students will sit the same papers.</p>  |                          |
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