

GCSE English, English Language and English Literature

What is GCSE English and English Literature about?

You may be aware that as of 2010 a new WJEC specification will be delivered, which fulfils the statutory requirements for the National Curriculum. The attainment targets of reading, writing, speaking and listening are examined in detail.

Montgomery students will work towards their GCSE through one of the following routes. These are:

1. English (1 GCSE)
2. English Language + English Literature (2 GCSEs)

What will I learn?

Students will learn to read with insight and interest, making appropriate reference to text; to distinguish between fact and opinion and evaluate how information is presented and to communicate clearly and accurately in both speech and writing for a wide range of purposes and audiences, and for different effects.

How will I learn?

GCSE students learn by reading and discussing a wide range of literary and media texts, from a broad spectrum of genres, cultures and historical periods, and by writing in a variety of contexts. Texts chosen will be dependent on the route taken.

What coursework/ controlled assessments do I need to do?

<u>English</u>	<u>English Language</u>	<u>English Literature</u>
40% coursework	40% coursework	25% coursework
20% reading 20% writing	15% reading 15% writing 10% spoken language	25% reading

Controlled assessments (previously coursework) will be completed in class time under exam conditions. All students will produce these assessments at the same time.

What exams will I take?

<u>English</u>	<u>English Language</u>	<u>English Literature</u>
60% exam	60% exam	75% exam
1 hour exam (30%) - response to non-fiction	1 hour exam (30%) - response to non fiction	2 hour exam (35%) - 2 questions on prose text - 1 question on unseen poetry
1 hour exam (30%) - 2 writing tasks for different purposes/ audiences	1 hour exam (30%) - 2 writing tasks for different purposes/ audiences	2 hour exam (40%) - 2 questions on drama text - 2 questions on prose text

What homework will I have to do?

Homework will be set as deemed appropriate by individual teachers. Tasks could include skills practice, research and reading exercises.

Where will it take me?

A grade C in English is necessary for entry to many reputable Higher Education institutions. The courses at Montgomery are an excellent preparation for English Language, English Literature, Media and Communications courses at a higher level.