

## CORE SUBJECT

# English Language and Literature (Single Award)

### INTRODUCTION

The GCSE English Language and Literature Single Award enables you to appreciate how language connects you to the world around you, to engage with a rich range of texts from different periods and by diverse writers, and to develop and apply your own use of language, through written and verbal communication.

### WHAT WILL I STUDY?

**Unit 1 CONTEXT AND MEANING** - in Unit 1, you will study a range of poetry from the WJEC anthology, engaging with the concept of Context and Meaning.

**Unit 2 BELONGING** - in Unit 2, you will study a prose text, engaging with the concept of Belonging and themes of community, *cynefin* and citizenship.

**Unit 3 INFLUENCE AND POWER** - in Unit 3, you will study a range of non-fiction texts, engaging with the Influence and Power of writers, how writers and speakers exert power and attempt to influence others.

**Unit 4a MOTIVATIONS** - in Unit 4a, you will study a play, engaging with the concept of Motivations of writers and characters, exploring reasons for attitudes, behaviours and beliefs.

### HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Units 1 and 4a are examined units, together worth 60% of your qualification. Each exam lasts 90 minutes and will consist of low-tariff extract-based questions, an extended essay response and a piece of creative fiction or non-fiction writing.

Units 2 and 3 are non-examined assessments, together worth 40% of your qualification. Each unit will consist of two tasks, one that will assess your written response to the relevant text(s) and one that will assess your oracy skills.

### WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

GCSE English Language and Literature is a core subject and as such helps to develop a wide range of skills for your future:

- Communication Skills - expressing yourself through clear and creative use of language
- Reading Skills - reading, listening to and researching a range of texts, analysing meaning and scrutinising reliability
- Contextual Analysis Skills - engaging with the significance of purpose, audience, and contexts of speaking, reading and writing
- Literacy Skills - developing and applying an understanding of grammar and uses of vocabulary.

### CAREERS USING 'ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE'

GCSE English Language and Literature is designed to equip you with a rich variety of skills for your future in education and the workplace. It is a widely valued qualification that provides a strong foundation for further study of literature, language, and a wide range of other academic subjects at A level and beyond. It can open the door to an array of career paths such as law, journalism, media production, advertising, marketing, teaching, politics, public relations, and publishing.

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