



Knights Templar School

English and Media Faculty



GCSE

In 2017 Year 11 pupils will be the first year group to sit the new specification AQA syllabus at GCSE. All pupils are entered for both English Language and English Literature. There are no tiers - all pupils sit the same papers. There is no coursework element; final assessment is in the form of two examinations for each subject.

Examination results will be graded from 1 - 9 with 9 being the highest; 7 is broadly equivalent to an A grade and approximately the top 20% who achieve grade 7 will be awarded a 9. Grade 4 is broadly in line with a low C.

AQA GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

English Language Unit 1: Examination (50% of total marks)

Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

Section A: Reading - prose fiction 20th or 21st Century

Section B: Writing - descriptive or narrative writing

English Language Unit 2: Examination (50% of total marks)

Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

Part A: Reading - two linked extracts from literary non-fiction and non-fiction including one pre 19th Century text

Part B: Writing - presenting a point of view

English Spoken Language Assessment (0% of total marks)

Separate grade on examination certificate

One presentation with response to questions and feedback

AQA GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE

English Literature Unit 1: Examination (40% of total marks)

Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel

Section A: Shakespeare

Section B: the 19th Century Novel

English Literature Unit 2: Examination (60% of total marks)

Modern Texts and Poetry

Section A: modern texts

Section B: poetry anthology

Section C: unseen poetry