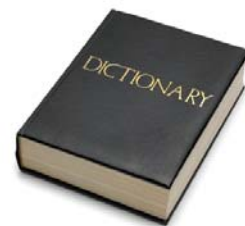


## ENGLISH LANGUAGE GCSE COURSE



This exciting course will give you more insight into what you read and you will learn to express yourself more successfully when you write.

You will also be introduced to three of the most dramatic, poetic and moving texts of English literature.

Each lesson of the English GCSE course begins with a set of clearly stated objectives and an explanation of its place in the overall programme of study.

Effective learning is encouraged through frequent activities and self-assessment tests. There are eight tutor-marked assignments. A reasonable level of proficiency in written English is assumed.

### The Syllabus:

This course prepares students for [AQA GCSE English syllabus 3703](#) for examination in 2008 and later years. Assessment is by two written papers worth 60% of the total mark and coursework.

### The course is divided into eight modules as follows:

#### Part 1: Language Skills

- Personal Experience
- Poetry and Prose
- Essay Technique
- Reading and Response
- Speaking and Listening

#### Part 2: Coursework Texts

- Shakespeare: Macbeth
- Charlotte Brontë: Jane Eyre
- The Poetry of Thomas Hardy

### Examinations:

**Paper 1** (1 Hour 40 Minute) is 30% of the total marks.

The paper will consist of two sections; Section A is one question testing reading and response to pre-released media texts and one question testing reading and response to an unseen nonfiction text. Section B is one question testing writing in response to the .triplet. argue, persuade, advise.

**Paper 2** (1 ½ Hours) is 30% of the total marks.

The paper will consist of two sections; Section A is one question testing reading and response to pre-released and unseen poetry from different cultures. Section B is one question testing writing in response to the .triplet. argue, persuade, advise.

**Price:**  
£295.00

**Instalment Options:**  
You can spread the payments for this course over 4 monthly payments. 1 initial payment of £145.00, followed by 3 monthly payments of £50.00.

**Course Format:**  
Paper Based Course Materials

**Assessment:**  
2 Examinations, Oral Examination & Coursework

**Approximate Study Time:**  
200 Hours of Self Study

## **Oral Examination** 20% of the total marks

There is a short 5-10 oral examination to be sat at a local testing centre.

## **Coursework** 20% of the total marks:

The four pieces of coursework are

1. Personal writing . explore, imagine, entertain
2. Personal writing . inform, explain, describe
3. Responses to: A Shakespeare play
4. Responses to: Prose

**PLEASE NOTE: June 2011 will be the last opportunity to sit these exams as a new syllabus will be introduced for 2012.**

## **Additional Reading:**

You will need to read - Macbeth (William Shakespeare) and Jane Eyre (Charlotte Bronte).

## **Technical Support:**

Every student receives a personal tutor with whom they need to keep in regular contact. The essential relationship between student and tutor begins with an introductory letter and a telephone call to help decide on a study plan. All tutors are fully qualified teachers holding either a Postgraduate Certificate in Education or a degree in education. So when you enrol on a course you can be assured of the assistance of a professionally qualified subject specific tutor.

We don't set a limit on how often you can contact your tutor. The advice and encouragement our tutors provide are an important part of your learning experience. You can contact your tutor by Phone, Post or Email. There are tutor-marked assignments (TMA's) in every course. These help the student consolidate the learning he or she has done and prepare for examinations. All tutors have a local rate telephone number such as a 0845 number. This means that when you phone your tutor it will only cost you the price of a local call. Whilst you are still actively submitting assignments, you should expect to be in contact with your tutor regularly. Remember, to get the most out of your tutor, you will need to tell them when you need assistance.

## **Examination Centres:**

There are approximately 300 testing centres in the UK, so finding one close by should not be very difficult. In December/January we contact you to start arranging your examination dates.

We always try to give whatever help we can with examination information, but the entering of students for examinations and any dealings with the examination centre's are entirely the responsibility of the student.

## **GCSE Examination Fees:**

On average the GCSE examination fee is approximately £30 per subject regardless of the amount of examinations, plus an administration fee which is at the discretion of the exam centre.

## **Studying from Abroad:**

It is possible to study GCSE Courses from anywhere in the world. However some courses are easier to study from abroad than others and some restrictions to the type of tuition available apply.

If you wish to study a GCSE then you will need to sit the examinations in the UK. Please remember that most of our GCSEs have several examinations which may well be spread over several weeks.