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Why do you have to study GCSE English Language?

English is invaluable for your future no matter what you are aiming for. A good command of the spoken and written word will help you every day – and benefit all your other GCSEs too.

Whatever you end up doing, English is a must have subject for college, university, work and life!

English is the primary language of communication in the UK. Most of us grow up speaking it fluently or learn naturally as we become immersed in the classroom and society around us.

Written English is a different story. To learn the rules of spelling, punctuation and grammar, construct a sentence on a page and pronounce the words we happily speak every day, takes everyone a lot of time, study and patience. Learning these rules can help you to study other foreign languages at the same time too.

Employers say that one of the most valuable things they look for in the people who work for them is good **communication skills** and this means writing and presentation as well as talking. Being able to write a good cover letter, which is free from mistakes, can also be key to getting that job in the first place.

Essentially, whenever you need to **persuade, inform** or **connect** with someone, English is your best friend.

Skills/attributes developed/required:

- work independently
- be creative
- think critically
- communicate your ideas with confidence (handy when you're with your mates too!)
- think logically.

Examination Information

Exam Board: Eduqas

Exam: 100%

Course outline:

Component 1 - 40% 20th Century Prose Reading and Creative Prose Writing

Component 2: - 60% 19th and 21st Century Non-Fiction Reading and Transactional/Persuasive Writing

Component 3: - (un-weighted) Spoken Language

Where can it take me?

Next Steps: A good pass in English is necessary for college and A Level courses.

Future career opportunities that this subject may lead to: English is viewed very highly by all Higher Education institutions. Possible courses include; Law, Linguistics, Journalism and Education.

What do Year 10 and 11 say about English Language?

"We write a lot but we have a lot of fun too."

"This subject has made me appreciate how important communication skills are."