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GCSE English Language

Who is this course aimed at?

This course is for students not on a full-time GCSE programme, but studying alongside a vocational course.

If you attend Uxbridge College and have a grade D/grade 3 in GCSE English Language you will need to retake your GCSE to reach a minimum of grade 4 (equivalent of the old grade C).

Examining board:

AQA–(9-1) English Language (8700)

Course content:

The course will be taken over 1 year and help you to develop both your reading and writing skills. It includes a range of non-fiction and fiction texts ranging across the centuries.

There will also be the opportunity to apply language terminology when analysing reading texts as well as critically evaluating and summarising texts.

You will improve your spelling, punctuation and grammar to improve language and accuracy when writing; which will help you in further education as well as improving your employability skills. You will develop listening skills and use spoken language confidently and effectively.

Study Methods:

- three hours of classroom tuition a week
- homework
- e-learning.

How is the course assessed?

You will have regular assessments throughout the year. The assessments will assess skills that have been developed and improved and track progression through the year.

You will have periodic mock exams to prepare you for the final exams at the end of the year.

Speaking and listening: non-exam assessment

There will be speaking and listening assessments which occur during your course. The assessments are moderated externally.

What's assessed:

- presenting
- responding to questions and feedback
- use of standard English.

The externally assessed exams will be on:

- Tuesday 5th June 2018 (duration- one hour and forty-five minutes)
- Friday 8th June 2018 (duration- one hour and forty-five minutes)

Please note: the dates above as provisional.

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

Both exams assess reading and writing skills.

Where next - Further studies

Once you have achieved a grade 4 or above in English Language, you will be given directed learning tasks for English.

A grade C/grade 4 also enables you to pursue English at a higher level - for more details, please contact our Information, Advice and Guidance team on 01895 853333.

Where next - Job opportunities

A grade C/grade 4 or above in GCSE English will enable you to progress onto Level 3 courses in the college and help you apply for university.

Most employers require employees to have at least a grade C/grade 4 in GCSE in English.

Recommended text:

AQA GCSE English Language and Literature: Core Student Book

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