This guide is for students, parents and carers. It outlines: Information about the GCSE course; the topics on each examination paper and where students can find revision resources; and ends with examination tips specific to this subject.

**Course Title and Exam Board**

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| Exam board | AQA |
| Course title | English language  |
| Course structure and assessment | Exam only (2 x 1 hour 45 minute papers) |
| Key dates | 04/06/19 (AM) | paper 1 examination. |
| 07/6/19 (AM) | paper 2 examination. |

**GCSE Examinations**

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| Paper | Marks | Duration | Weighting | Topics on this paper |
| 8700\_1 | 80 | 1.45 | 50% | 4 reading questions, one creative writing task |
| 8700\_2 | 80 | 1.45 | 50% | 4 reading questions, one non-fiction writing task |

**Course Components (a more detailed explanation of skills and topics)**

*Examination Paper 1 –* Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing -

Students apply knowledge and skills in understanding language and structural techniques used by writers; they use evaluation skills; they demonstrate fiction writing skills

*Examination Paper 2 -* Writers’ Viewpoints and Perspectives

Students apply knowledge and skills in summarising, understanding language and using comparison to show understanding of writers’ methods; they demonstrate non-fiction writing skills

Students apply knowledge and skills understanding of language and summarising structural techniques used by writers and use evaluation skills; they demonstrate writing skills

**Where are the revision resources?**

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| Revision topics | What resources to use (website links, student: drive titles of folders/ documents; books recommended etc.) |
| **Paper 1** | See the student public drive – REVISION – ENGLISH - ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 1 – READING. |
| Questions 1-4 |
| Question 5  | See the student public drive – REVISION – ENGLISH -ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 1 – WRITING. |
| **Paper 2** | See the student public drive – REVISION – ENGLISH -ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2 – READING. |
| Question 1-4 |
| Question 5 | See the student public drive – REVISION – ENGLISH -ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2 – WRITING. |

**Three Examination Tips Specific to this Subject**

1. Be mindful of timings - spend approximately a mark per minute
2. Read the questions and the text(s) very carefully
3. Reading: explore the writer’s craft, identifying and engaging with features and content. Writing: show you can produce a planned and structured piece using ambitious vocabulary and devices.