

Curriculum Overview 2025 - 2026

English Language

Exam Board AQA	Exam Specification 8700	 Link to full details	Qualification Type GCSE
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Examined by:  x 2	Paper 1	Paper 2	Non-Examination Assessment
	Explorations in Creative Reading & Writing	Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives	What's Assessed
	 1 hour 45 minutes	 1 hour 45 minutes	- presenting - responding to questions & feedback - use of Standard English
			

Useful revision website/ resource links

Assessment and teaching resources can be found as part of the AQA specification

- [Teaching resources](#)
- [Assessment resources](#)

[BBC Bitesize](#)

Paper 1	Explorations in Creative Reading & Writing
What's Assessed	Section A: Reading - one literature fiction text 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks) 2 longer form questions (2 x 8 marks) 1 extended question (1 x 20 marks) Section B: Writing - writing to present a viewpoint 1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)
Paper 2	Writers' Viewpoints & Perspectives
What's Assessed	Section A: Reading - one non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks) 2 longer form questions (1 x 8, 1 x 12 marks) 1 extended question (1 x 16 marks) Section B: Writing - descriptive or narrative writing