

# Shoeburyness High School

## Year 9 Subject Information

# *GCSE English*



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## Subject Information.

Our exam board is **Edexcel**. There are **four** exams at the end of the two year course:

### English Language-

- Paper 1 Fiction and imaginative writing.
- Paper 2 Non- Fiction and transactional writing.

### English Literature-

- Paper 1 Shakespeare and a modern play.
- Paper 2 novel and poetry.



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## English Language-

The questions centre around unseen texts, both fiction and non-fiction, and the main skills learnt are:

- Analysing language and structure and being able to apply the correct terminology to those parts of written text.
- Evaluating how well a writer gets their message across in a text.
- Comparing how two writers and their forms of writing tackle the same topic.
- Producing similar pieces of writing for particular audiences.



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## English Language-

Students will also complete a short spoken task, that provides a certificate confirming a level of verbal communication skill to future educators or employers.



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## English Literature–

Students will read :

A Christmas Carol.

Romeo and Juliet.

An Inspector Calls.

A collection of 15 poems.

There is also an element of unseen poetry.

The questions are either character or theme essays , and some analysis of extracts taken from the Shakespeare play and the novel.

The poetry questions require comparison of two poems studied and two unseen poems.



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## Career Progression

### **Possible careers following further English studies include:**

- English teacher
- Journalist
- Writer
- Copy writer/ proof-reader
- Public relations officer
- Web content/ social media manager
- Private tutor
- English as a foreign language teacher
- Academic librarian
- Marketing and media executive
- Just about anything that demands excellent standards of literacy!



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## University Progression

Some of our A Level students have recently gone on to study English Language or Literature at a variety of Universities.

It is worth noting that it is often a requirement of several subject degree courses to have a particular grade at GCSE English level, as so many courses have a demanding reading workload; for example, Psychology and Law- among others.



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