

# **English Curriculum Overview**

## **GCSE English language**

- **Specification code: 8700**
- **QAN code: 601/4292/3**

### **Aims of the Department**

At Stone Soup the English department is committed to developing critical and creative thinkers who are able to collaborate and communicate effectively. We help students to read critically, write analytically (including argument, synthesis and literary analysis), speak effectively and view diverse texts thoughtfully.

We seek to inspire and motivate our students to help them understand the relevance of English in their everyday lives.

### **English Language Course Overview**

For this subject the students will follow the AQA course. This is assessed by two examinations.

#### **For component 1 students will:**

- Study selections from a range of prose fiction.
- Develop skills to analyse and evaluate 19th-century fiction extracts.
- Develop imaginative writing skills to engage the reader.

#### **For component 2 students will:**

- Study a range of 20th- and 21st-century non-fiction texts (including literary non-fiction).

- Develop skills to analyse, evaluate and compare non-fiction extracts.
- Develop transactional writing skills for a variety of forms, purposes and audiences.

Study will involve responding to unseen texts and there will be an emphasis on the correct use of spelling, punctuation and grammar.

## **GCSE English language/Literature**

- **Specification code: 8702**
- **QAN code: 601/4447/6**

### **For component 1 students will:**

- Study selections from a range of prose fiction.
- Develop skills to analyse and evaluate 19th-century fiction extracts.
- Develop imaginative writing skills to engage the reader.

### **For component 2 students will:**

- Study a range of 20th- and 21st-century non-fiction texts (including literary non-fiction).
- Develop skills to analyse, evaluate and compare non-fiction extracts.
- Develop transactional writing skills for a variety of forms, purposes and audiences.

## **Literature**

Students will sit two English literature papers that are broken down as follows:

- Paper 1 - One Shakespeare Play and one 19th Century novel

**Section A Shakespeare:** students will answer one question on their play of choice. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the play and then to write about the play as a whole.

**Section B The 19th-century novel:** students will answer one question on their novel of choice. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the novel and then to write about the novel as a whole.

- Paper 2 - Modern prose or drama texts, poetry anthology and  
unseen poetry

**Section A Modern texts:** students will answer one essay question from a choice of two on their studied modern prose or drama text.

**Section B Poetry:** students will answer one comparative question on one named poem printed on the paper and one other poem from their chosen anthology cluster.

**Section C Unseen poetry:** Students will answer one question on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem.

