# Course Information Sheet GCSE English Language





Venue  Hyde Park House	Start Date	17 Sept 2024 10:00
	End Date	20 May 2025 13:00
	Fee	£0
	Materials	£0

## OCSW FL12E21A GCSE English Language (oncoursesouthwest.co.uk)

# **Course Description:**

# Unlock your potential in English Language!

The GCSE English Language course equips you with the skills and knowledge to excel in written and spoken communication. Over 32 weeks, you'll explore a variety of texts, from classic literature to contemporary articles, and develop your analytical abilities. Learn to craft compelling essays, persuasive arguments, and informative reports.

To pass this course learners will need to sit two examinations which are scheduled to be sat in May and June 2025. The tutor will share the exam dates as soon as they are published. There is no flexibility with exam dates and learners will need to plan to be able to attend. There is also a speaking and listening assessment and the tutor will schedule this during the class times for the course.

## This course is perfect for:

- Learners aiming to achieve a GCSE English Language qualification
- Individuals seeking to improve their communication skills for personal or professional development

#### What will I learn?

- Term 1 (Weeks 1-11): Develop core writing skills narrative, descriptive, persuasive, and transactional. Analyse literary and non-literary texts, focusing on language techniques and structure.
- **Term 2 (Weeks 12-22):** Refine analytical skills explore themes, characters, and authorial intent. Master the art of essay writing, structuring arguments and supporting them with evidence.
- **Term 3 (Weeks 23-32):** Hone exam technique practice timed writing tasks under exam conditions. Develop presentation skills for the spoken language endorsement.

#### How will I be assessed?

Exam dates and times are fixed nationally each year. The tutor will share exam dates as soon as they are published.

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing. 1 hour and 45 minutes 50% of GCSE marks.

Date: May 2025 TBC

Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives. 1 hour 45 minutes 50% of GCSE marks

Date: June 2025 TBC

Non-examination Assessment: Spoken Language. This is a teacher set assessment.

Throughout the course learners will take part in practice exam questions, scheduled mock exams and activities to develop their English skills. Learners will work with their tutor to meet individual learning aims and track their progress towards achieving their target GCSE grade.

#### Who is this course for?

This course is ideal for anyone seeking a GCSE English Language qualification.

# **Progression Opportunities:**

Having a GCSE in English Language opens doors to a wide range of further education and career paths. You can progress to A-Levels in English Literature or Language, BTECs in Communication or Media, or vocational courses related to your chosen field.

## **Career or Job Enhancement Pathways:**

A GCSE in English language is required for many job applications. This qualification will enhance your communication skills, making you a strong candidate for various careers, including:

- Teaching
- Journalism
- Marketing
- Law
- Business Administration

## How do I enrol?

To apply for this course online at www.oncoursesouthwest.co.uk and simply click on the 'How to Enrol' button and complete the Enrolment Form and one of our customer service team will be in touch or call to speak to one of our friendly Learning Advisors on 01752 660713. You will be invited to undertake an initial assessment to ascertain your levels of English and maths prior to entry on this course of study.

#### How will the course be delivered?

This is a practical course, and the sessions will include tutor-led demonstrations, learner-led group activities, instruction and repetition. These will form part of the delivery together with one-to-one support as required.

## Will I need to practise outside the classroom?

To gain a good grade at GCSE you will need to complete work outside of the classroom. It is recommended that you set aside 2 to 3 hours a week to practise the skills learnt in the class. You will be expected to complete homework. You will also be encouraged to review your notes between lessons to ensure maximum benefit from your course.

# How will I know I'm making progress?

During the first session, your tutor will discuss your goals and current level in relation to the course. Based on this assessment, you will agree individual targets which you will record in your individual learning plan (ILP). You and your tutor will review your targets regularly to ensure that you are making progress; these will be written in your individual learning plan. You will also complete practice questions and mock exams, which will be marked in line with GCSE marking criteria.

# What will I need?

Please bring a notepad, and pen to each session. You may wish to bring a file for any handouts. A laptop with internet access is required for completion of coursework and home learning outside of the classroom.

#### Please note:

Most courses attract a subsidy from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). It is a requirement of the ESFA that you complete various forms at different stages of your course, further information is available on request. Courses are subject to a minimum number of enrolments and could be cancelled if recruitment is low. In some cases, an alternative class at a different location may be offered.

Terms and conditions are available at

https://www.oncoursesouthwest.co.uk/learner-information/essential-information-for-every-learner Room numbers are subject to change - please check when you arrive at the venue.









