

## English Language

*English at Endeavour Academy harnesses the creativity of our students and removes the shackles from their imagination. We explore a range of fiction and non-fiction texts that encourage genuine intrigue.*

Students will immerse themselves into an array of classic fiction that elicits both fear and fascination. They will learn the art of creating tension by studying masterful examples of such writing in 'Frankenstein' and 'The Woman in Black,' as well as the unique and gripping 'Uncle Montegue's Tales of Terror.'

Furthermore, students will acquire a multitude of reading and writing techniques that will empower them to write with creativity and flair. They will develop also transferrable skills such as the ability to evaluate and synthesise ideas from texts and the correct use of grammar, spelling and punctuation, which will enhance their future work and learning experiences.

This course is designed to be taken over two years with all assessments taken in an exam at the end of Year 11.

AQA exam board will be used.

Below is a link to the specification we are following:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/specification-at-a-glance>

Extension tasks and revision programmes can be found by accessing;

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4>

Below is a list of topics that are covered over the 2 year course:

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Example of themes</b>
Analysing Fiction	Characterisation, Language and structure, Annotating text.
Analysing non fiction	Purpose and audience, language and structure.
Comparing texts	How to compare texts by purpose and form, by writers methods, using literary non-fiction against non-fiction.
Writing	Writing fiction and non fiction, planning and organising information and ideas, use of vocabulary and using language effectively.

Spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG)	Spelling strategies of common rules, homophones and mnemonics. Punctuating sentences, Grammar rules such as simple, compound and complex sentence types, nouns, pro nouns and adverbs.
Spoken Language	Speaking and listening, responding and interacting.

### **How parents can help develop skills;**

You can support the work we are doing by attending parent events, keeping up to date by regularly accessing our website and enquiring about what your child is doing in school. Encourage your child to read newspaper articles and keep up to date with news shows, talk to them about their feelings on the topics and their views on what is happening in the wider world. Involve your child in discussions where they are given the opportunity to put forward their views and ask encourage them to explain their thinking.

We understand that some parents may feel they lack confidence with literacy and that the curriculum is forever evolving. At Endeavour Academy we have excellent relationships with East Durham College where there are a number of courses available to enhance adult literacy skills. Should you be interested in brushing up on your literacy skills then please see the link below;

[https://www.eastdurham.ac.uk/Functional\\_Skills\\_Maths\\_English](https://www.eastdurham.ac.uk/Functional_Skills_Maths_English)

Should you wish to find out more about what our students learn from English lessons and how we apply this across our curriculum then please contact Endeavour Academy.