

# Year 9 Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 5th February 2025

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# Welcome

What subjects should I choose?



How do I make a decision?



What are my options?



# Support that your child will receive during the options process:

- ✓ Support from the Y9 pastoral team.
- ✓ Support from subject teachers (Parents' Evening – Wednesday 26th February).
- ✓ Support from senior staff.
- ✓ Support from our careers team.
- ✓ Support from SEND specialists.
- ✓ Support from yourselves.



# Pastoral Support

- We are aware that these decisions are big ones in the lives of your children. We are inviting you in so that you are as involved in the process as you can possibly be.
- There are a team of staff in Year 9 that are happy to support whenever we can throughout this process.



# Pastoral Support

- Many of you will already have our details but feel free to get in touch if you need any support or guidance.
- Communication is key for us so please stay in contact. You can do this via phone, email or through *ClassCharts*.



# Compulsory subjects

## Examined

- English Language
- English Literature
- Mathematics
- Science
- Geography or History

## Non-examined

- PSHE (Personal, Social, Health, Economic Education)
- Physical education (practical)
- PRE (Philosophy, Religion and Ethics)



# Optional subjects

- Students have an options sheet with a choice of additional subjects to study at Key Stage 4.
- Some subjects are those they study already; some are new subjects to them.
- Students will study **2 options subjects** - we ask them to choose 2 and a reserve choice.
- The final blockings of the options will be built around the choices of the majority of students.



# Lesson time in KS4



- English Language / Literature - 5 lessons
- Mathematics - 4 lessons
- Science - 4 lessons
- Geography or History - 3 lessons
- Option subjects - 3 lessons each
- PSHE - 1 lesson
- PRE - 1 lesson
- Physical education - 1 lesson





# How to find out about subjects

- Read the options booklet.

- Uniform
- Sandwell Sea Cadets
- House Information
- Year 9 Options 2025
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Student Handbook
- Careers
- Student Voice Team
- Academy Day

## Uniform

We are proud of our Academy and expect all students to wear our simple uniform with pride.

Admissions



# How to find out about subjects

## GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE

**COURSE LEADER:** Mrs N Pitts: [nicola.pitts@atforge.co.uk](mailto:nicola.pitts@atforge.co.uk)

**EXAM BOARD:** AQA

### WHAT WILL I STUDY?

You will analyse some of the most culturally relevant literary texts to see how writers, poets and playwrights communicate their views on society through their characters, plots and writing.

You will study Shakespeare (*Macbeth*), a nineteenth-century prose text, Priestley (*An Inspector Calls*) and fifteen poems from different eras and cultures.

All examinations are tier-less, meaning that there is no limit to the grade you can achieve!

### HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

This qualification will be assessed through two written examinations at the end of year 11, both of which are compulsory. All texts in this examination will have been previously studied in class however it is a closed book examination.

MODULE	ELEMENTS	ASSESSMENT	DATE	%
Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Section A, you will be asked to analyse how Shakespeare presents a particular aspect of 'Macbeth' in an extract from the play. You will then have to explain how Shakespeare presents this aspect in the whole play.</li> <li>In Section B, you will be asked to analyse how a writer of a nineteenth century prose text presents their ideas about characters or themes, with the use of a printed extract. You will then have to explore this across the rest of the novel.</li> </ul>	1 hour 45 minutes	June 2025	40%
Paper 2: Modern Texts and Poetry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Section A, you will be asked to explore how J.B. Priestley presents a specified idea or theme in his play 'An Inspector Calls'</li> <li>In Section B, you will be asked about a cluster of poetry you will have studied in class. You will be asked to compare a specified aspect of two of these poems, one of which will be named.</li> <li>In Section C, you will be asked two compulsory questions about two unseen poems, written in different eras. You will be asked to compare the unseen poems in the second question.</li> </ul>	2 hours 15 minutes	June 2025	60%

### PROGRESSION PATHWAYS

- Entry onto an A level English course.
- You could use your knowledge and skills to enter the world of work.
- English skills open several doors in many areas. The communication skills you learn are required in any line of work you choose to take.

### CAREERS

Sports Journalist, Lawyer, Film Director, Public Relations Executive, Fashion Journalist, Author, Newsreader, Politician, Actor, Architect, Creative Director, Scriptwriter, Teacher, Customer Service, Retail and many, many more!

Additional course details can be found at [www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk)

# How to find out about subjects

- Read the options booklet.
- Speak to staff who deliver the courses.
- Speak to older students who are on the courses.
- Careers Advice - Mrs Benson / Mrs Scott.
- SEND support – Mrs Kirby.
- Trial the subjects on the taster day.



# Taster sessions

- Many subjects will be running taster sessions for all students in their normal lessons from Monday 3rd to Thursday 6th March.
- Taster day - Friday 7th March 2025.
- Students have chosen 3 subjects that they wish to trial on the taster day.



# Key dates

- Wednesday 26th February - Year 9 Parents' Evening.
- Friday 7th March - Key Stage 4 taster day.
- Monday 10th March - Option sheets distributed to students.
- Monday 17th March 4.30pm-6.00pm - Options Consultation Afternoon.
- **Friday 21st March** - Deadline for submitting final option choices.
- Friday 23rd May - Letter sent home to parents confirming option choices.



**If you have any  
immediate questions,  
please come and speak to  
us at the end ...**



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