Subject: **GCSE English Language**

Examination Board	Eduqas (WJEC)
Specification Number	C700U
Teacher responsible	Mrs Clarke

Introduction

All students at Waterfront UTC are required to study GCSE English Language. There are no tiers. All students sit the same papers.

Course Content

There are two papers:
English Language Component 1 (20th Century Literature Reading and Creative Prose Writing)
English Language Component 2 (19th and 21st Century Non-fiction reading study and Transactional/Persuasive Writing)

Assessment

Assessment takes place at the end of the course and is 100% examination based. There are two examinations, which are usually timetabled for the first week of June. Component 1 is worth 40% of the final mark and lasts 1 hour and 45 minutes. Component 2 is worth 60% of the final mark and lasts 2 hours. There are no tiers – all candidates sit the same paper.

Component 1 Section A requires candidates to answer 5 questions on a 20th century fiction extract. These questions assess a candidate's skills in analysing language and structure and evaluating ideas.
Component 1 Section B requires a candidate to demonstrate their creative writing skills through anecdotal writing
Component 2 Section A requires candidates to answer 6 questions on both a 19th century and a 21st century non-fiction extract. These questions assess a candidate's skills in analysing language, tone and structure, comparing and evaluating ideas.
Component 2 Section B requires a candidate to demonstrate their transactional/persuasive writing skills through answering 2 questions.

As an obligatory requirement of the course, students will undertake a Speaking & Listening exam. This consists of a speech (on a chosen topic) presented to the class followed by the student answering a series of questions on the topic; all speeches are recorded and sent to the exam board.

Progression

Students can, with a grade 7, progress from this qualification to:
- GCE A Levels in Literature, Language or Language and Literature