

# Subject: GCSE English Language

**Examination Board** Eduqas (WJEC)

**Specification Number** C700U

**Teacher responsible** Mrs McLean

## 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 (20<sup>th</sup> Century Literature Reading and Creative Prose Writing)

English Language Component 2 (19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> century and a 21<sup>st</sup> 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