



GCSE 2010 English Specifications

10 strengths

Our specifications have been designed to make the 2010 changes work for you.

We've built straightforward, flexible and engaging specifications, developed by teachers for teachers.

The main educational strengths of our new suite of English specifications is:

English Literature

- 1 The **Shakespeare and film or live performance** (plus audio) linked texts unit.
- 2 The need to only compare **two** poems in the linked texts literary heritage unit.
- 3 The **choice** between the unseen/ anthology poetry question in Literature.
- 4 The updating of Literary Heritage to allow texts such as **Lord of the Flies** etc.
- 5 Learners can be entered for a **mixture of foundation and higher tier** papers.

English/English Language

- 1 The **co-teachability** between English and English Language and the common exam between the two.
- 2 The generic tasks offered in the Extended Literary Texts and the Reading Literary Texts which allows centres to **choose their own texts**.
- 3 The **accessibility** of the Foundation questions in the one exam unit in English and English Language.
- 4 The **link** between the Spoken Language study and Speaking and Listening activities for the former.
- 5 The **easy progression** from KS3 to KS4.