

## English Language GCSE

### Summary

Develop your confidence in speaking, listening, reading and writing in English, and gain a vital qualification for your future studies and career. This course covers essential topics such as grammar, vocabulary, textual analysis and creative writing. It will inspire you to think creatively and differently about the complex and intricate language we use every day. This qualification unlocks the power of words and communication, helps you to master the nuances of language, and hones your writing techniques.

Exams usually take place in June. Before making your application, please speak to PET or your education department to find out if your prison can hold GCSE or IGCSE exams. Alternatively, you might be able to take the exams on Release on Temporary Licence (ROTL) or after your release.

<b>Course Provider</b>	National Extension College (NEC) Woolpack House, 70 High Street, Sawston CB22 3HJ 01223 400200   <a href="http://www.nec.ac.uk">www.nec.ac.uk</a>
<b>Qualification Accreditation</b>	AQA
<b>Academic level</b>	Level 2
<b>PET entry requirements</b>	Level 2 English
<b>Format of course material</b>	Paper-based

<b>Structure of course</b>	<p>Learners will be required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• read fluently, and with good understanding, a wide range of texts from the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries, including literature and literary non-fiction as well as other writing such as reviews and journalism</li> <li>• read and evaluate texts critically and make comparisons between texts</li> <li>• summarise and synthesise information or ideas from texts</li> <li>• use knowledge gained from wide reading to inform and improve their own writing</li> <li>• write effectively and coherently using Standard English appropriately</li> <li>• use grammar correctly and punctuate and spell accurately</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• acquire and apply a wide vocabulary, alongside a knowledge and understanding of grammatical terminology, and linguistic conventions for reading, writing and spoken language</li> <li>• listen to and understand spoken language and use spoken Standard English effectively.</li> </ul>
<b>Assignments</b>	9 written assignments
<b>Exam</b>	2 invigilated, closed book exams (105 minutes each) and a Spoken Language Endorsement Non-Examination Assessment
<b>Study hours</b>	150
<b>Course expiry date</b>	18 months
<b>Prison support requirements</b>	Facilitate tutor support via email. This often requires scanning learner assignments and email them to their tutor.
<b>Supplier tutor's support</b>	Yes - accessed with prison staff support
<b>Certificate</b>	On successful completion of the exam, you will receive a GCSE certificate.
<b>Progress</b>	There are range of possible progression options including A-Levels, an Open University Access course, or various writing courses. Call our free Advice Line on 0800 048 7520 on Tuesdays (10-12pm and 2-4pm) and Thursdays (10am-12pm and 2-6pm).