



## **AQA Step Up To English Entry Levels 1, 2 & 3**

### **(Pre GCSE accreditation)**

Pupils will complete two Literacy papers, two Spoken Language exercises and one Creative Reading and Writing paper.

These will be completed over a two year period starting in Y10 and being submitted in the Summer of Y11.

Pupils will be entered for either the Silver Step (Entry Level 1-2) or the Gold Step (Entry Level 3). There will be opportunities to progress from the Silver Step to the Gold Step where appropriate.

### **Pupils are taught to:**

- read, with some understanding, a range of texts, including literature and literary non-fiction as well as other writing such as letters and leaflets
- read and make comparisons between texts, explaining personal preferences where relevant
- locate and explain information or ideas from texts
- write effectively and coherently using Standard English appropriately
- use grammar correctly and punctuate and spell accurately
- acquire and develop an appropriate vocabulary in writing and spoken language
- listen to and understand spoken language and use spoken Standard English whenever and wherever appropriate.

**Component 1: Literacy Topics**

Two topics from a choice of five

Externally-set non-exam assessment

Reading Writing and Spoken Language

Non-literary / transactional texts and tasks

50 % of the award

**Component 2: Creative Reading & Writing**

One paper from a choice of five

Externally-set non-exam assessment

Literary Reading tasks

Creative Writing tasks

Exam appearance

50 % of the award

**SILVER STEP**

**Entry Level 1 & 2**

## KS4 English

### **Component 1: Literacy Topics**

Two topics from a choice of five

Externally-set non-exam assessment

Reading Writing and Spoken Language

Non-literary / transactional texts and tasks

50 % of the award

### **Component 2: Creative Reading & Writing**

One paper from a choice of five

Externally-set non-exam assessment

Literary Reading tasks

Creative Writing tasks

Exam appearance

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**GOLD STEP**

**Entry Level 3**

## AQA Functional Skills English Level 1 & 2

### (GCSE equivalents)

There is the opportunity for those working at Entry Level 3 'Step Up To English', to be entered for the GCSE equivalent accreditation, Functional Skills English at Level 1 (Grade 4 – 1 [*C – G in old grades*])

Where appropriate, some pupils may be entered for the GCSE equivalent accreditation Functional Skills English at Level 2 (Grade 9 – 5 [*A – C in old grades*])

Functional English Level 1 and Level 2 give students practical skills for the modern world and helps them get the most from life, learning and work.

It aims to ensure students have good communication skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening. It assesses whether students can use these skills in everyday situations.

It is a formal exam with externally set and marked papers.