

YOUR STEP- BY-STEP GUIDE TO SWITCHING TO EDUQAS

GCSE ENGLISH
LANGUAGE



MAKE THE SWITCH TO A BOARD THAT WILL SUPPORT YOU

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Whether you're with AQA, OCR or Pearson (Edexcel), you can rest assured that switching to Eduqas is straightforward. Simply follow this guide, compare our specifications, and make the switch!

MAKING THE SWITCH

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If you have a question, simply contact our English team who will offer friendly advice and guidance:



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GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE WITH EDUQAS

WHY CHOOSE US?

- Co-teachability across English Language and English Literature
- Our 'long tariff' questions are worth 10 marks, making time management more straightforward
- Our AO2 ('how'?) questions do not isolate a single device or technique, such as structure, allowing students to select the techniques they find most appropriate to how the writer has created meaning
- Students can apply the techniques they find in the reading sections to their own writing in the writing sections
- Students are given a range of choices for creative prose writing
- Our non-fiction writing tasks have realistic contexts that students can relate to

SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT

Component 1: 20th Century Literature Reading and Creative Prose Writing

Written examination: : 1 hour 45 minutes

40% of qualification

Section A (20%) – Reading

Understanding of one prose extract (about 60-100 lines) of literature from the 20th century assessed through a range of structured questions

Section B (20%) – Prose Writing

One creative writing task selected from a choice of four titles

Component 2: 19th and 21st Century Non-Fiction Reading and Transactional/Persuasive Writing

Written examination: 2 hours

60% of qualification

Section A (30%) – Reading

Understanding of two extracts (about 900-1200 words in total) of high-quality non-fiction writing, one from the 19th century, the other from the 21st century, assessed through a range of structured questions

Section B (30%) – Writing

Two compulsory transactional/persuasive writing tasks

Component 3: Spoken Language

Non-exam assessment

Unweighted

One presentation/speech, including responses to questions and feedback
Achievement in Spoken Language will be reported as part of the qualification, but it will not form part of the final mark and grade.

HELPING YOU MAKE THE SWITCH - COMPARING SPECIFICATIONS

SWITCHING TO EDUQAS IS EASY

The skills assessed and the nature of the content the assessment is based on are similar across all exam boards' specifications. This makes switching to Eduqas GCSE English Language straightforward. Work you have already done, or materials you already have, will still be relevant, as the skills will be the same.

SWITCHING FROM AQA

AQA	Eduqas
Paper 1 – 105 mins	Component 1 – 105 mins
Reading – One 20th / 21st century literary prose extract (25%)	Reading – One 20th century literary prose extract (20%)
Writing task – creative prose (25%)	Writing task – creative prose (20%)
Paper 2 – 105 mins	Component 2 – 120 mins
Reading – 19th and 20th/21st century non-fiction (25%)	Reading – 19th and 21st century non-fiction (30%)
Writing task – specified purpose, audience and form (25%)	Writing – transactional / persuasive task 1 (15%)
	Writing – transactional / persuasive task 2 (15%)
Spoken Language presentation (reported separately)	Spoken Language presentation (reported separately)

SWITCHING FROM OCR

OCR	Eduqas
Component 2 – 120 mins	Component 1 – 105 mins
Reading – Two 20th / 21st century prose extracts, at least one literary (25%)	Reading – One 20th century literary prose extract (20%)
Writing task – creative prose (25%)	Writing task – creative prose (20%)
Component 1 – 120 mins	Component 2 – 120 mins
Reading – 19th and 20th/21st century non-fiction (25%)	Reading – 19th and 21st century non-fiction (30%)
Writing task – specified audience and purpose (25%)	Writing – transactional / persuasive task 1 (15%)
	Writing – transactional / persuasive task 2 (15%)
Spoken Language presentation (reported separately)	Spoken Language presentation (reported separately)

SWITCHING FROM PEARSON

Pearson	Eduqas
Component 1 – 105 mins	Component 1 – 105 mins
Reading – One 19th century literary prose extract (15%)	Reading – One 20th century literary prose extract (20%)
Writing task – imaginative prose (25%)	Writing task – creative prose (20%)
Component 2 – 120 mins	Component 2 – 120 mins
Reading – 20th and 21st century non-fiction (35%)	Reading – 19th and 21st century non-fiction (30%)
Writing task – transactional (25%)	Writing – transactional / persuasive task 1 (15%)
	Writing – transactional / persuasive task 2 (15%)
Spoken Language presentation (reported separately)	Spoken Language presentation (reported separately)

THE SUPPORT YOU NEED

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