



## Perins GCSE English Language

### Examination Dates

Perins students take the **AQA** GCSE English papers. Dates:

Paper	Date	Duration	Resources	Marks
1	Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May (am)	1h 45	1 fiction source released on exam day	80
2	Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> June (am)	1h 45	2 non-fiction sources released on exam day	80

### Grade boundaries

Grade boundaries change every year, though not by a lot. We anticipate they may be slightly higher next summer but not likely to be more than 1% difference.

### Other considerations

The 'Spoken Language Endorsement' no longer contributes value to the Language outcome, but a result of P (pass), M (merit) or D (distinction) will be printed on the results certificate.

Grade	2024
9	76%
8	69%
7	64%
6	58%
5	51%
4	46%
3	34%
2	22%
1	10%

## Perins GCSE English Literature

### Examination Dates

Like Language, Perins students take the AQA GCSE English Literature papers. Dates:

Paper	Date	Duration	Texts	Marks
1	Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> May (am)	1h 45	Shakespeare [30 + 4]* Jekyll and Hyde [30]	64
2	Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> May (am)	2h 15	Modern Text [30 + 4]* Studied Poetry [30] Unseen Poetry [24 + 8]	96

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### Other considerations

Exams are **closed book**, meaning students will not have access to texts at all. There are extracts provided for Paper 1, the Unseen Poems will be printed on the exam paper, and in the Studied Poetry component students will be given one poem and asked to compare it with a poem of their choice from the ones they have studied but which is not printed for them in the paper.

\*Most essays are marked out of 30, but Section A in both papers also has up to four marks available for accurate spelling, grammar and punctuation. The 8 marks in the Unseen Poetry section is for a comparison question of two poems printed on the paper.

Grade	2024
9	86%
8	76%
7	66%
6	56%
5	46%
4	36%
3	26%
2	17%
1	8%

## Further thoughts about preparing for the exams

### Tiers of entry

There are **no tiered papers** for English, meaning all students will sit the same papers. In both qualifications, the grade is comprised of the cumulative total score out of 160 from both papers.

### Equipment needed

Students will need a black pen (we recommend bringing 3); it is also recommended that students bring highlighters.

### Revision opportunities

- The **CGP Revision Guides** are available on Scopay or directly from CGP. If you're buying from CGP, or buying used books, please ensure you are buying AQA texts relevant to post-Covid exam years.
- There are practice papers and other resources on the **Perins Revision Area**; Seneca, which we use for much of our homework, is a valuable revision website, as is BBC Bitesize. *Course Hero* on Youtube does good content for revising the Literature content.
- Students often tell us that Language is hard to 'revise' for, beyond practice papers, so revision sessions which run on **Thursday after school (15.15 to 16.15)** will help supplement the classroom learning experience.