



**BRUTON SCHOOL**  
**FOR GIRLS**  
ON SUNNY HILL

## **ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**Mrs J Evans**

### **General Introduction**

All girls who have English as their first language take GCSE English Language.

### **Course specification**

We follow the new OCR English Language specification. The course is linear, with two examinations at the end of the second year. Each examination is worth **50%** of the total marks. There is no Foundation Tier on the new specification.

### **Examination 1: Communication Information and Ideas (2 hours)**

This examination tests a candidate's reading of a wide range of texts. It always involves responding to a 19<sup>th</sup> century text and requires candidates to write one piece of original non-fiction.

### **Examination 2: Exploring Effects and Impacts (2 hours)**

This examination tests a candidate's reading of literary prose texts with the focus on comparing texts. Candidates are also required to write one piece of original creative writing.

Speaking and Listening attainment is now reported separately on the GCSE results certificate. This unit no longer contributes to the final mark for GCSE English Language, but it must be taken alongside this qualification.



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