



BRUTON SCHOOL  
FOR GIRLS  
ON SUNNY HILL

## GCSE ENGLISH

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This route to a GCSE English qualification leads to a single final grade.

### Course specification

We will follow the OCR English specification J350, a new specification introduced in September 2013. Coursework has been replaced by controlled assessments, which means that students complete written responses to set texts in the same way as before in terms of research and preparation/planning (a combination of work completed independently and work done in class), but they write their responses in exam conditions during lesson time. These responses are marked by the teaching staff, prior to being sent to OCR for moderation.

### Summary of course content and how it is assessed

Controlled Assessment	40% (2 units each carrying 20% of the final mark)
Examination	60% of the final mark.

### Unit 1: A641 Reading Literary Texts (controlled assessment carrying 20% of the final mark)

Candidates respond to three tasks: one on a play by Shakespeare; one on prose or literary non-fiction; and one on poetry. These latter two tasks must include study of both a text from the English, Welsh or Irish literary heritage, and a text from a different culture or tradition. Candidates must show an understanding of texts in their social, cultural and historical contexts.

### Unit 2: A642 Imaginative Writing (controlled assessment carrying 20% of the final mark)

Candidates write **two** linked continuous writing responses from a choice of Text Development or Media.

### Unit 3: A680 Information and Ideas (examination carrying 60% of the final mark)

*Section A: Non-Fiction and Media.*

Candidates respond to unseen authentic passages.

*Section B: Writing Information and ideas*

Candidates write **one** continuous response, from a choice of two tasks.

**Please note:** 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/English Language, but it must be taken alongside these qualifications.