**Key Stage 4 Curriculum Information: 2017-2018**

Below is useful information from departments that provide you with information about the types of qualifications available at Key Stage 4. If you require any further information please contact the Head of Department on the email address below.

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| **Subject** | English – Language and Literature | |
| **Examination Board** | AQA | |
| **Head of Department** | Mr R Skipp – r.skipp@swr.gloucs.sch.uk | |
| **Accreditation Level (e.g. GCSE Level 2, BTEC Level 2)** | GCSE | |
| **Number of qualifications?** | 2 | |
| Exam Information | **How many exams?** | 4 (2 English Language, 2 English Literature) |
| **When taken?** | End of Year 11 |
| **Percentage of final mark** | 100% |
| Controlled Assignment Information | **How many assignments?** | 1 Speaking and Listening Presentation |
| **When taken?** | October of Year 10 |
| **Percentage of final mark** | 0% - But compulsory |
| Brief Outline of Subjects | English Language - A stimulating language-based course which assesses the three skills of English: reading, writing and speaking & listening. As part of this course students will explore a range of writing types and develop their ability to adapt their use of language to a range of contexts. Spelling, punctuation and grammar forms 20% of the overall marks for this qualification.  English Literature - This course assesses the skill of reading and engaging with texts from contemporary and heritage literature. Students will study a 19th century novel, a whole Shakespeare play, a modern text (either a play or a novel depending on the class) and a wide selection of poetry both modern and classical. Students will consider the issues presented in the texts and how the writers have uses Language, Structure and Form to convey these ideas.  There are no tiers of entry in these examinations but students will be supported closely in ensuring they are able to access the materials. | |
| Post-16 Progression Routes | English Language GCSE Grade 4 or above is an entry requirement for most Post 16 courses and students who fail to achieve this in year 11 will be required to retake the qualification post 16.  English qualifications provide a huge number of progression roots;  A Levels in Language, Literature, Creative Writing, Journalism.  But also, due to the analytical and critical thinking skills that are developed, GCSEs in English are also advantageous in subjects as far ranging as Psychology to Art criticism. | |
| Relevant Information | Exam board Website:  <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse> | |