

# GCSE English Language

## Part A - Bridging Work Task

This is a fantastic opportunity to expand your understanding of GCSE English Language as you prepare for enrolment and start at Franklin in September.

Please complete the work and bring a copy to your enrolment, either printed or electronically.

The work will take you around **2 hours** so plan your time to best suit you.

<b>How do I complete and submit my task?</b>	<p>Complete the tasks on paper/handwritten or digitally, and bring a copy, either paper or electronically, to your enrolment appointment. Also, bring this along to your first lesson in September.</p> <p>If you didn't attend the Taster Day don't worry - it isn't essential for completing this work, but please ensure that you have completed this bridging work.</p>
<b>Introduction to your Bridging Task</b>	<p>This task will give you an introduction to the first topics you can expect to study in September:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• GCSE Paper 1 Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing</li></ul>
<b>Task details</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Select a book that you have read and complete the book review using the template.</li><li>2. Select the opening paragraph from a book of your choice and write a paragraph answering the following question: How has the writer used language and structure in the opening to 'hook' you as a reader?</li><li>3. Using the story title 'Discovery', write an interesting and engaging opening paragraph for your story that is at least 150 words in length.</li></ol>
<b>Resources to help you with the Bridging Task</b>	<p>Book review template: <a href="#">Book Review Template</a></p>
<b>Extension Tasks</b>	
<b>Extension Tasks to stretch and challenge you</b>	<p>If you have completed the above to the best of your ability, feel free to try this extension task (<i>this is optional</i>):</p> <p>Complete the rest of your story, making sure you include the following:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear beginning, middle and end</li> <li>• Six different pieces of punctuation</li> <li>• A minimum of five paragraphs</li> <li>• A range of simple, compound, and complex sentences</li> <li>• A range of language features (such as: simile, metaphor, personification, adjectives, adverbs etc.)</li> </ul>
<b>Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)</b>	<p>You might enrol on this online course and complete the following to push you a little further (this is optional):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Seneca Course</a></li> </ul>

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## Part B – Preparing for Studying at Franklin

A fantastic opportunity to widen your understanding of the course.

<b>Examining Board and Specification</b>	<p>The course follows AQA's GCSE English Language (8700) specification. You can find out more on the AQA website, including the full specification: <a href="#">AQA GCSE English Language 8700</a></p> <p>Although the content will be familiar to you, we offer a fresh approach with supportive staff to help you achieve during your time with us.</p> <p>GCSE English will set you on the right path to your future. You will develop your ability to read a range of texts from the 19th to the 21st Century, covering many different topics.</p> <p><b>Studying this course will give you a wide range of skills:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading</li> <li>• Writing (in different forms)</li> <li>• Communication (written and spoken)</li> <li>• Debating</li> <li>• Forming an argument</li> </ul> <p><b>Progression after this course:</b></p> <p>The study of English enables you to develop skills which will benefit you at college and in the outside world. Better spoken and written skills will impact</p>
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	on your ability to get yourself noticed and will provide a strong foundation to build on as you enter your desired workplace.
<b>Preparing for the course</b>	<p><b>Here are some helpful sources of information if you would like further information about the subject:</b></p> <p><b>Websites</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Watch Mr Bruff's YouTube Channel for GCSE English Language: <a href="#">Mr Bruff - YouTube</a></li> <li>• Check out the BBC Bitesize website: <a href="#">GCSE English Language - AQA - BBC Bitesize</a></li> <li>• GCSE revision podcast: <a href="#">GCSE Podcast</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Books</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GCSE English Language AQA Complete Revision &amp; Practice - Grade 9-1 Course (CPG, 2016)</li> </ul>