

# REFORMED ENTRY LEVEL CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH

# Co-teachability with Eduqas GCSE English Language

This document suggests ways that the reformed ELC English qualification could be co-taught alongside GCSE English Language or be used as a stepping-stone for learners working their way up to GCSE.

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# Introduction

It is worth remembering that English is a spiral curriculum and concerns itself predominantly with three things: Reading, Writing and Oracy (Communication).

A spiral curriculum can be defined as a course of study in which learners will see the same topics or skills throughout their school career, with each encounter increasing in complexity and reinforcing previous learning. From primary school and right through secondary school, our aim is to develop, enhance and refine these skills with learners. A longer term programme of study, therefore, would continually return to Reading, Writing and Oracy (Communication) with increasing demand and sophistication.

Whilst there is a challenge for a teacher of English in selecting appropriate and interesting material for learners moving up the spiral, it does provide the opportunity for co-teachability with other English qualifications given that the 'content' for English – regardless of stage, age or qualification followed – is the same (just more or less demanding).

Part of the reformed ELC English qualification is the inclusion of Band 5 assessment criteria that attest to performance at Level 1, the expected achievement for learners at the lower GCSE grade range. This will hopefully enable teachers delivering the ELC course to track the progress of their learners in-line with GCSE attainment and ensure those capable of sitting GCSE English Language are entered when ready.

The suggestions that follow are just that: suggestions. Hopefully these will provide a starting point for teachers to explore how they could deliver both the ELC English and GCSE English Language qualifications to learners for whom this would be appropriate.



# **ELC English: Stepping-stone to GCSE English Language**

# Year 10 (ELC English)

# Autumn 1 Reading modern prose and Narrative writing

Identifying and locating facts, ideas, information and opinions Understanding and expressing opinions

Writing creatively (planning a storyline)

Selecting descriptive vocabulary Punctuating sentences Topic Tests 1&3

# Spring 1

# Editing, sequencing and proofreading

Range of activities for verbal reasoning and understanding of sequencing (cloze, sorting, matching, etc.)
Use knowledge of language to sequence events/instructions
Spelling rules
Understanding of agreement
Temporal and addition connectives

## Summer 1

# Exam preparation: nonfiction Reading and Writing Practice timed Reading and

Writing tasks
Component 1: Written
Examination

# Autumn 2 Communication

Presenting a point of view
Explaining views / ideas
Structuring ideas in a logical way
Communicating in a group
Responding to questions
Persuasion techniques
Formal and informal language
Practical Assessment: Tasks 1&2

# Spring 2

Topic Tests 2&4

# Non-literary Reading and Writing

Retrieving information Identifying and summarising main points

Interpreting information
Making simple deductions/inferences
Writing to give opinions, inform and
persuade (forms, emails, letters,
notices, reports, articles, etc.)

# Summer 2 Preparing for GCSE

Writing to persuade (speech, letter, blog, etc.)
Writing to inform (factsheet, Wiki, review, article, etc.)
Using connectives for addition, emphasis and explanation
Spoken Language
assessment

# Year 11 (GCSE English Language)

# Autumn 1 Reading: 20th century literature

Identifying and interpreting information in prose texts Selecting and synthesising from prose texts

Explaining and analysing in prose texts

Making deductions/inferences

# Spring 1

# Reading: 19th and 21st century nonfiction texts

Identifying and interpreting information in non-fiction texts

Selecting and synthesising from nonfiction texts

Explaining and analysing in non-fiction texts

Making deductions/inferences
Using connectives to compare/contrast

## Summer 1

# Exam preparation: nonfiction Reading and Writing

Practice timed Reading and Writing tasks

Familiarisation with GCSE exam papers and mark schemes

## Autumn 2

### Writing: creative prose

Creating character (appearance, movement, dialogue, etc.)
Describing a setting (creating atmosphere)
Planning a narrative (creating tension, logical structure, etc.)
Use of temporal connectives
Punctuating dialogue
Mock Component 1

# Spring 2

### Writing: non-literary texts

Writing to persuade (speech, letter, blog, etc.)

Writing to inform (factsheet, Wiki, review, article, etc.)

Sentence structure: conditional clauses Vocabulary: imperatives and emotive language

Causality connectives Mock Component 2

# Summer 2

Component 1 Examination Component 2 Examination



#### Co-teaching ELC English and GCSE English Language YEAR 1 **GCSE English Language ELC English** Year 10 Reading modern prose Reading: 20th century literature Autumn 1 Identifying and locating facts, ideas, Identifying and interpreting information in prose information and opinions Understanding and expressing Selecting from prose texts Explaining and analysing detail in prose texts opinions Making deductions / inferences Evaluate texts supported by appropriate textual Topic Test 1 references Year 10 Writing: creative prose Narrative writing Creating character (appearance, movement. Autumn 2 Writing creatively (planning a storyline) dialogue, etc.) Selecting descriptive vocabulary Describing a setting (creating atmosphere) Punctuating sentences Planning a narrative (creating tension, logical Punctuating dialogue structure, etc.) Topic Test 3 Use of temporal connectives Mock Component 1 Year 10 The World of Work The World of Work Spring Formal and informal language Writing to provide information – developing ideas 1 (CVs. reports, letters of application, structuring a Responding to guestions Practical Assessment Task 2 talk. etc.) Connectives for addition Year 10 Presenting a point of view Presenting a point of view Spring Structuring ideas in a logical way Explaining views / ideas 2 Communicating in a group Persuasion techniques Connectives for explanation Responding to questions Practical Assessment: Task 1 Spoken Language assessment Year 10 Editing and sequencing Editing and sequencing Summer 1 Organise information and ideas Range of activities for verbal reasoning and sequencing (cloze, Using structural and grammatical features to sorting, matching, etc.) support coherence and cohesion of texts Use of language to sequence events/ Temporal and addition connectives instructions Topic Test 2 Year 10 **Proofreading** Accurate, Purposeful Writing Summer 2 Developing vocabulary Spelling rules Understanding of agreement Variety of sentence structures Punctuation recap Topic Test 4



# Co-teaching ELC English and GCSE English Language YEAR 2

	ELC English	GCSE English Language
Year 11 Autumn 1	Non-literary Reading Retrieving information Identifying and summarising main points Interpreting information Making simple deductions / inferences	Reading: 19th and 21st century non-fiction texts Identifying and interpreting information in non-fiction texts Selecting and synthesising from non-fiction texts Explaining and analysing in non-fiction texts Making deductions / inferences Using connectives to compare and contrast
Year 11 Autumn 2	Functional Writing Writing to give opinions, inform and persuade (forms, emails, letters, notices, reports, articles, etc.) Spelling: based on personal need	Writing: non-literary texts Writing to persuade (speech, letter, blog, etc.) Writing to inform (factsheet, Wiki, review, article, etc.) Vocabulary: imperatives and emotive language Sentence structure: conditional clauses Mock Component 2
Year 11 Spring 1	Technical Accuracy Developing vocabulary through reading	Revising 20 <sup>th</sup> century literature reading and creative prose writing
Year 11 Spring 2	Revising non-fiction Reading and Functional Writing	Revising 19 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> century non-fiction Reading and non-literary Writing
Year 11 Summer 1	Exam preparation: non-fiction Reading and Writing Practice timed Reading and Writing tasks Component 1: Written Examination	Preparing for GCSE Writing to persuade (speech, letter, blog, etc.) Writing to inform (factsheet, Wiki, review, article, etc.)
Year 11 Summer 2	Exam preparation Familiarisation with GCSE exam papers and mark schemes	Component 1 Examination Component 2 Examination



ELC and GCSE skills and content map			
	ELC English	GCSE English Language	
Content	<ul> <li>Non-literary Reading</li> <li>Functional Writing</li> <li>Response to twentieth/twenty-first century prose</li> <li>Narrative writing</li> <li>Presentation</li> <li>Group discussion</li> <li>Interview</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reading: 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century non-fiction texts</li> <li>Transactional / Persuasive Writing</li> <li>20<sup>th</sup> century literature Reading</li> <li>Prose writing</li> <li>Spoken language presentation / speech</li> <li>Responding to questions</li> </ul>	
Reading	<ul> <li>a) retrieve information</li> <li>b) identify and summarise main points / ideas / information</li> <li>c) interpret information</li> <li>d) make simple deductions / inferences</li> <li>e) understand and express opinions</li> <li>f) understanding of contextualised meaning</li> <li>g) knowledge of language to sequence events/instructions</li> </ul>	a) identify explicit and implicit information and ideas b) select and synthesise evidence from different texts c) interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas d) analyse how writers use language / structure e) comment on how writers use language / structure f) explain how writers use language and structure h) compare writers' ideas and perspectives	
Writing	<ul> <li>a) proofreading</li> <li>b) give opinions</li> <li>c) write to persuade</li> <li>d) write to inform</li> <li>e) write creatively and imaginatively</li> <li>f) spell accurately</li> <li>g) use language accurately</li> <li>h) use punctuation accurately</li> </ul>	a) sentence structures b) communicate clearly c) write for a range of audiences and purposes d) adapt style to real-life contexts e) describe and narrate imaginatively f) accurate spelling g) range of vocabulary h) accurate punctuation	
Communication	<ul> <li>a) express opinions on the topic</li> <li>b) give reasons for opinions</li> <li>c) respond to questions and the contributions of others</li> <li>d) communicate in a logical and structured way</li> <li>e) convey detail and information to clarify the audience's understanding</li> <li>f) persuade the audience to agree with views</li> <li>g) adapt their presentation skills to the formal context</li> <li>h) use appropriate tone / language</li> <li>i) present information relevant to the task</li> </ul>	c) Listen and respond appropriately to spoken language, including to questions and feedback  g) demonstrate presentation skills in a formal setting  h) use spoken Standard English effectively	