

English Language GCSE	
Summary This qualification can help with future job roles or further educational courses. You will learn how to develop your reading and writing, and improve your communication skills to express your ideas more effectively.	
Course Provider	National Extension College (NEC); Woolpack House, 70 High Street, Sawston, CB22 3HJ. 01223 400200 pet@nec.ac.uk
Qualification Accreditation	AQA 8700; Ofqual 601/4292/3
Academic level	GCSE
PET entry requirements	English Level 2
Format of course material	Paper-based only. All materials including assignments are sent at the beginning of the course. This includes a welcome letter and an Introductory Assignment
Structure of course	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Creative Reading 1 2. Creative Reading 2 3. Creative Writing 1 4. Creative Writing 2 5. Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives Reading 1 6. Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives Reading 2 7. Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives Writing 8. Preparing for the exam: Paper 1 9. Preparing for the Exam: Paper 2
Assignments	<p>There are nine written assignments.</p> <p>Feedback is available up to 5 working days from submission for marking.</p> <p>Assignments should be sent one by one.</p>
Exam	<p>There are two written exams. Both papers are 1 hour 45 minutes.</p> <p>The exams are closed book and invigilated.</p>

	<p>In addition there is an optional Spoken Language Endorsement NEA (Non-Examination Assessment). All students must be given the opportunity to complete the endorsement and AQA will ask for confirmation on this. The course provider can help where this isn't possible within the prison.</p> <p>Results are available within 3 months.</p>
Estimated completion time	150 hours
Maximum course duration	The course needs to be completed within 18 months.
Prison support requirements	<p>1. support assessment submission (ideally scan to the tutor or post). It is recommended to make copies in case assignments get lost; 2. Help facilitate exam 3. contact supplier for more info on assignment submission or exam facilitation. See contact details are above in the 'Course provider' section.</p>
Supplier tutor's support	<p>There is supplier tutor support available. Tutors provide feedback on learners' work and answer queries via prison staff. See 'Contact provider' section for more details</p>
Certificate	Yes. These are sent by AQA around 3 months after results day. Fees apply for duplicates.
Progress	To discuss any progression routes, call our free Advice Line on 0800 048 7520 on Tuesdays (10-12pm and 2-4pm) and Thursdays (10am-12pm and 2-6pm).