

ENGLISH LANGUAGE A-LEVEL

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

English Language is a highly regarded and well established subject. Language represents a vital part of our everyday lives, influencing the behaviour of social groups and the structure of our whole society. We are continually talking and texting, browsing the internet, sharing stories, giving advice, watching television and reading a book or magazine.

This course will enhance your skills as a writer, challenging you to produce texts to a publishable standard in a variety of genres. It will also develop your ability to analyse and interpret spoken and written texts – from conversations and political speeches to articles and cartoons. You will examine language use, capture your own data (actual examples of spoken and written language) and learn to use a range of research methods.

Other areas of study include accents and dialects, conversational analysis, technology and language, power and language, language and social change (links well to History and Politics) and child language acquisition.

WHAT NEXT?

A key course for students planning to continue on to university to study subjects such as English language and linguistics, journalism, advertising, creative writing, law, sociology, psychology and teaching. It also provides a strong grounding for those wishing to pursue many other subject areas at degree level. Alternatively, students may consider direct entry into employment or further training.

ASSESSMENT

Coursework (20%) Exam (80%)

DURATION

2 years

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Standard entry requirements to include grade 5 GCSE English Literature and English Language and grade 4 Maths.

EXAM BOARD

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COSTS

£35 per year for textbooks