

English Language A Level



Our English Language students will engage with exciting text and data-based sources of language and have the opportunity to study English Language in various forms and contexts. Language is woven into every aspect of our lives and the content of this course will encourage our students to become more critically and socially aware by understanding how people communicate. Our students will delve into the intricacies of how language variation and manipulation has caused the English Language to evolve over centuries as well as understanding the scientific elements such as phonology, syntax and grammar. Our students produce regular written work which encourages them to express their big ideas cogently.

Is English Language A Level for me?

You need to be curious about language, good at writing essays and willing to complete lots of independent research.

What doors will English Language open for me?

English Language is considered a rigorous academic A Level appreciated by all Universities and will offer a springboard to a variety of different degrees. There is a focus on analysis and applying theoretical knowledge that is intrinsic to many different subject disciplines.



Exam topics: worth 80%	
Meaning and Representation Exploring how we use language to represent ourselves, others and the world around us. How can language be used to persuade, manipulate and communicate	Language Change Exploring how language changes, the possible reason for changes as well as different attitudes towards them
Child Language Acquisition How do children learn to speak and write (and why do they want to!)	Language Diversity Exploring some of the factors that mean not everyone will speak the same e.g. age/ accent/ class/ gender / occupation
Coursework/NEA 20% overall Creative Writing and Language Investigation on a topic of your choice	