

A Level English Language



"Viewed freely, the English Language is the accretion and growth of every dialect, race, and range of time, and is both the free and compacted composition of all."

Walt Whitman

Language is integral to a person's identity and it inspires impassioned debate. Our course is a study of how we communicate through language in an ever-changing society. You will explore gender, technologies, geography and occupations as you analyse an array of texts. You will also develop your subject expertise through the exploration of key language frameworks and concepts. Importantly, you'll develop your critical thinking and understand how language shapes your experience of the world.

English Language places emphasis on your ability to explore texts critically, challenge theorists and conclude your own ideas. You will engage with real texts from the real world! The NEA (non-exam assessment) offers an opportunity for you to conduct your own language investigation into an area of interest and produce creative texts.

How you will be assessed:

2 examinations:

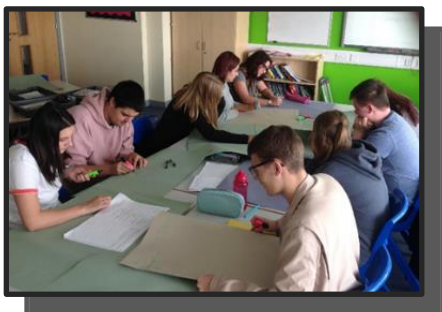
Paper 1: Language and Individual and Society
(Exam, 2hr 30min, 40%)

Paper 2: Language Diversity and Change
(Exam, 2hr 30min, 40%)

NEA: Language Investigation and Original Writing
(3500 words, 20%, 10% each)

What you need to be successful:

To be successful in English Language, you should have a real passion for the development of the English language and an eye for detail when it comes to analysing texts. You will be interested in how we use and manipulate language and how language is used to shape our world. Students with a GCSE grade 5 or above in English Language and Literature will be suitable for this course.



What our students say:

"English Language is great. I really enjoy annotating and analysing real-world texts, as well as sharing with my peer's ideas about how language is used."

Eve Sellers

"I really enjoy English Language, especially the coursework section. I can write creatively and there's much more freedom for me to seek out my own personal interests in relation to language use."

Jack Smith

What next?

Studying A-Level English Language is excellent preparation for the workplace as you develop communication, reasoning and analytical skills. It is valued by Higher Education institutions.

English Language provides an excellent foundation for a range of further studies and careers. Understanding how language works and is used will allow you to become a powerful speaker and writer as well as a critical reader. These skills are valued widely by employers.

Former students have pursued careers in law, public relations and speech therapy. Students typically follow careers in journalism, advertising and marketing, education and writing.

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