

English Language — NEW COURSE

Why choose English Language?

This new, exciting English Language A-Level offers a wide range of benefits, especially if you're interested in communication, linguistics, and the way language shapes society. The course allows you to develop skills in critical thinking, analysing and communication. It also explores how children learn language, language diversity and identity and prepares you for a range of careers.

You'll analyse how language is used in different contexts, including media, politics and everyday interactions. You'll enhance your ability to evaluate texts critically, looking at purpose, audience and structure and develop a strong understanding of language to help you articulate your thoughts more clearly, both in writing and speech.

You'll study how language varies across regions, social groups and cultures and how it reflects identity. This helps in understanding and appreciating linguistic diversity, which is crucial in global and multicultural environments.

There will be opportunities to visit different locations and invite visitors who will focus on child language acquisition, language change, linguistics and identity.

What can I expect to learn?

Paper 1: Language, the Individual, and Society: Focuses on texts variety, representations within texts and children's language development. The exam includes analysing contemporary (modern) and historical texts and analysing children's language (0-11 years). This paper constitutes 40% of the A-Level.

Paper 2: Language Diversity and Change: Examines language diversity, language change, and language discourses. Students will evaluate either language diversity or change and analyse how different texts present ideas and opinions. This paper also accounts for 40% of the A-Level.

Non-Exam Assessment (coursework): Language in Action: Involves a language investigation and an original writing project with a reflective commentary. This component is completed independently with teacher support and is 20% of the A-Level

Where does this course lead?

Careers in journalism, publishing, advertising, public relations, and education benefit from strong language skills. It's also useful for roles in management where effective communication and understanding customer needs are essential. This is valuable in careers requiring strong communication, like management, law, marketing, and teaching.

Entry requirements:

Grades 9-6 at GCSE in English and English Literature provide the ideal basis for being able to successfully access the subject at A level but this can be negotiated with the Subject Leader.

*Please note, the availability of the course is dependent on a suitable number of pupils. If this number is not reached, unfortunately the course cannot be offered.

