# English Language

## Why choose English Language?

Have you ever wondered how babies learn to talk, why people have different accents or how social media is changing the way we communicate? A-Level English Language explores how language shapes our identities, relationships and society. 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.

You will investigate fascinating topics such as child language acquisition, language and power, gender, accents and dialects, and how English changes over time. The course develops valuable analytical, communication and creative writing skills, with opportunities for educational visits and guest speakers.

## What can I expect to learn?

The English Language A-Level at Holy Family follows the Eduqas specification and consists of four components:

**Component 1: Language Concepts and Issues (Exam – 30%)**
Explore spoken language, how children acquire language and how power and context influence communication.

**Component 2: Language Change Over Time (Exam – 30%)**
Investigate how English has evolved, including changes in vocabulary, grammar and meaning, and the influence of technology and social media.

**Component 3: Creative and Critical Use of Language (Exam – 20%)**
Develop your creative writing skills through fiction and non-fiction, experimenting with different styles, audiences and purposes.

**Component 4: Language and Identity (Coursework – 20%)**
Complete an independent language investigation of 2,500–3,500 words, exploring topics such as gender, regional dialects, cultural identity or digital communication.

## 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.

