

A Level ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Language students enjoy reading a diverse range of texts in order to explore how the world is constructed around them. They are analytical thinkers but also make superb creative writers!

Year 1

You will study a variety of exciting texts and consider how these represent the world around us by analysing language in use. You will look at how language is used to create specific meanings and representations. In addition, you will explore language diversity and think about how gender, occupation, regional identity, ethnicity and social groups use and control language.

This work links to exams at the end of year 13 where you will show your understanding of representation, the language frameworks and your ability to write creatively for a specific audience and purpose.

Year 2

The A Level course is synoptic and brings together everything you have covered through year 12 (language and representation and language and the individual) and introduces three new major strands:

Child Language Acquisition: you will consider how and when children acquire language and become an expert in your field!

Language Change: you will explore what has influenced the English language over time and how it continues to change and diversify.

World Language Varieties: You will explore how English is used and adapted in countries across the globe.

There are three components to the A Level course: two examinations (which last 2 hours 30 minutes each) and the final component is Non Exam Assessment. This element includes a *Language Investigation* where you will explore language in everyday use on a topic of your interest. You will also write a *creative piece* of writing for a specific audience and purpose.



Here is an advert from the 1960s and one from 2018: do you think society has changed at all?

Skills you will develop

This course will change the way you view the world around you and is absolutely fascinating. You will find that you access every text you read, film you watch, advert you see or article you read in a different way since you will be able to consider how language is used to represent society and ultimately, condition us all into certain ways of thinking. You will engage with a diverse range of texts and also have the opportunity to showcase your own creative writing skills.

Whether exploring gender, how social groups control language, how children acquire it or how English is changing you really will appreciate the spoken and written word in a new light! Analytical, evaluative and exploratory skills are all highly desirable traits for the world of work.

What can I do with A level English Language? As well as studying Language and Linguistics at University, past students have gone on to study:

Journalism, Law, MFL, Education, Journalism, Drama, Economics, Public Relations, Marketing, Business Studies.

Entry Requirements

At least a 6 in GCSE Language and a 5 in Literature.
Clear written communication skills.

You must enjoy reading, be analytical in your approach and be interested in the world around you.



What social stereotypes still exist in 2018? Which accents hold most power?