

English Language

Aims of the course

The course aims to introduce you to new ideas about English Language. You will learn how language is affected by different factors such as gender, location, social groups and much more. You will learn how children begin to acquire language, how our language has developed over the centuries, how to craft language to effectively convey ideas and opinions, and how to analyse data and draw conclusions based on linguistic research.

What is the outline of the course?

Overview	Content	Marks
Paper 1 – Language the individual and society	How writer’s use language to create meanings and representations.	100 marks
	How children acquire written and spoken language.	150 Minute Exam
Paper 2 – Language Diversity and Change	How language is affected by diverse factors, gender, locations, ethnicity, social groups.	100 marks
	How language changed over the centuries.	150 Minute Exam
	Creative task – how to use language to create meanings and representations	
Non-Exam Assessment- Language in Action	Language investigation.	100 marks
	Creative Task	
	Commentary	

What skills will I learn?

You will develop a range of transferable skills such as:

- **Written communication:** *essay writing, developing reasoned arguments with evidence from key theorists. Developing a clear line of argument and expressing yourself with ease and purpose.*

- **Verbal communication:** *sharing ideas in discussions around issues and applying your own knowledge of English Language.*
- **Decision making:** *by assessing a range of material and coming to a conclusion of your own whilst also considering key linguistic research.*
- **Teamwork:** *listening to others’ viewpoints and working together in small groups and as a whole class.*
- **Source analysis:** *developing your understanding of different types of texts and their value, summarise information from sources and applying key theorists.*
- **Reading and research skills:** *develop an ability to locate, interpret and apply a range of relevant material.*

What careers can English Language lead to?

English Language is the study of effective communication and so is use for a variety of careers from journalism to business, politics, scientific research, marketing, all benefit from the ability to communicate.

The study of language and linguistics is a course offered at top universities and the A Level is accepted for a wide variety of other courses.

Further information

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/a-level/english-7702/specification>

Previous grades

	A*	A	B	C	D	E
2024	0	0	4	2	4	0
2023	0	0	5	3	1	0
2022	0	2	1	0	0	0

What are the entry requirements?

Grade 5 in a GCSE English Language

Want more information?

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