



"Studying English Language at A level has not only expanded my knowledge on the subject, but has allowed me to appreciate language and how it is used in everyday communication" *6th Form Student*

Entry Requirements

A minimum of grade 4 in Maths and an English plus at least 3 other GCSEs at grade 5

Subject Specific Requirements

Grade 5 in both English Language and Literature.

About the Course

A Level English Language allows you to develop a critical understanding of a wide variety of texts, both written and spoken. These are taken from a range of sources including journalism, biographies, advertisements, speeches, blogs, and fiction.

You will be guided through the fundamental building blocks of language and its use: grammar, structure and style. Your analytical skills will be developed as you analyse texts, learning how writers have created particular effects for specific audiences and purposes.

You will also develop an understanding of how we use spoken language, learning how and why we acquire language and speech skills from birth, and understanding the links between language, culture and identity. You will also explore the rise of English as a global language and its future. It's a dynamic and wide-ranging course which gives you the chance to develop your skills in textual analysis and in many different forms of writing.

To succeed in this subject, you should have an avid interest in English language usage and development.

Assessment

1 Exploring Language 40% Written exam 2 hours 30

- Linguistic analysis of authentic texts.
- Analysis of how children acquire language

2 Dimensions of Linguistic Variation 40%

Written exam 2 hours 30

- Language in the media
- How language changes over time

3 Independent language Research 20%

Non examined Assessment

- investigation into area of learner's interest

Future Applications

The course will lead you into the academic field of linguistics, or a career in journalism, publishing, creative and media careers, advertising, broadcasting, or communications. You could use the skills developed to help write press releases or speeches

Alumni