



ENGLISH LANGUAGE A LEVEL

Course Information

A level English Language offers opportunities for you to develop your subject expertise by engaging creatively and critically with a wide range of texts and discourses. As part of your studies, you will create texts and reflect critically on your own processes of production, while analysing the texts produced by others. The course explores the study of English language both as a channel of communication and as a topic in its own right, with an emphasis on your ability to pursue lines of enquiry, debate different views, and work independently to research aspects of language in use. You will consider how language is seen as a creative tool for expression and social connection with others, as well as for individual thought. You will also study language as a symbolic system which can be used to assert power in society.

There is also scope for you to pursue their own independent lines of enquiry and topics for writing, in the non-exam assessment.

Component 1: Language, the individual and society – 40% of A level. You will explore: Textual variations and representations, Children's language development (0–11 years), Methods of language analysis.

Component 2: Language diversity and change - 40% of A level. You will explore: Language diversity and change, Language discourses, Writing skills, Methods of language analysis.

Component 3: Non-exam assessment: Language in action – 20% of A level. You will undertake language investigation (2000 words) and complete a piece of original writing and supporting commentary (1500 words total).

Entry Requirements

This is an interesting but challenging course and is highly regarded by all universities. Students will need to have a genuine interest in the study of language, a love of reading (especially non-fiction), and a desire to discuss their opinions and critical ideas. A grade 5 in GCSE English and English Literature is required.

Career Pathway

Jobs directly related to your degree include: Editorial assistant, English as a foreign language teacher, [Lexicographer](#), [Magazine journalist](#), [Newspaper journalist](#), [Primary school teacher](#), [Secondary school teacher](#) and [Writer](#).

Jobs where your degree would be useful include: [Academic librarian](#), [Advertising account executive](#), [Advertising copywriter](#), [Arts administrator](#), [Information officer](#), [Marketing executive](#), [Public relations officer](#) and [Records manager](#).

Should you like to receive any additional information on this course, please contact Mrs Sian Kelley - Head of Department.