

A Level Courses 2024

English Language

What will you learn:

This two year course consists of three components, two of which are formally examined. Students will study the following sections:

Component 1: Language, the Individual and Society.

Section A: Textual variations and representations.

Section B: Children's language development.

Component 2: Language Diversity and Change.

Section A: Language change.

Section B: Language varieties and discourses.

Component 3: Language in Action.

Elements of the course:

Throughout the two-year course, students will have the opportunity to study a vast range of texts in depth, exploring everything from individual word choices to wider societal, cultural, political and historical contexts and their impacts on the language. Wider debate and discussion are actively encouraged, as is an independent, investigative approach. Specifically, students will: develop their understanding of the concepts of audience, purpose, genre, mode and representation; explore how children learn language and how they are able to understand and express themselves through language, in both speech and writing; explore processes of language change and study social attitudes to, and debates about, language diversity and change; consider regional, ethnic, national and global Englishes; develop their own writing, editing, investigative and interpretative skills.

Where could it take me?

There is literally NO career or future course of study where an English Language A-level wouldn't help! Students who have completed this course have gone on to study at university and / or work in the following fields: Journalism; Magazine, Book and Online Publishing; English Language and Communication; Marketing and Communications; Creative Writing; Research and development; Human Resources; Charities and fundraising; Politics; Teaching; Local Government and Public Services; The Civil Service; Coaching; Counselling.

Assessment:

Two of the units are assessed externally by means of a written examination and one is assessed through coursework.

Entry Requirements

Minimum:

Standard Entry Requirements:
5 GCSE's at a grade 4 or above and Grade 5 in GCSE English.