A Level English Language

What you will learn:	**Component 1: Language variation** Students explore: *how language varies depending on contextual factors *how language choices can create personal identities *language variation in English from c1550 to the present day. **Component 2: Child language** Students explore: *spoken language acquisition and how children learn to write *the relationship between spoken language acquisition and literacy skills *appropriate theories of children's language development. **Component 3: Investigating language** Students: *develop their own investigation skills and areas of interest *apply their knowledge of language terms and concepts **Component 4: Crafting language - Non exam assessment** Students will: *demonstrate their skills as writers within their selected genre, crafting texts for different audiences and/or purposes *reflect on their research and writing in an accompanying commentary.
Elements of the course:	This course is the study of language and how we use it in its everyday context. We study all types of texts – from the back of a crisp packet to a politician's speech. Our students are fascinated by the relationship between the conditions in which a text is produced, the context in which it is received and the power relations involved.
Where could it take me?	The majority of our English Language students go on to university and the course provides students with a skillset for a wide range of subjects and disciplines including law, journalism, education, foreign languages and creative writing.
Assessment:	Three examination papers are taken at the end of the second year. In addition students have a coursework component worth 20% of the assessment marks.

Entry Requirements

Minimum Required:	Grade 5 or above in GCSE English Language. **Standard Sixth Form entry requirements.**
Preferred Requirements:	A grade 6 in English Language is desirable in order to cope with the demands of the course.
Special Requirements:	