

A Level English Language



Exam Board: AQA

The study of English Language gives you a wide variety of transferable skills that are highly prized by Higher Education and employers. As well as writing for particular audiences and purposes, you will learn to critically analyse written, electronic and spoken texts. Additionally, you will identify arguments and express informed and independent opinions.

A number of Higher Education courses and occupations are open to students with A-level English Language, particularly in areas such as Journalism, Media and Law.

The study of English Language would complement A-levels in English Literature, Modern Languages, History, Psychology or Sociology.

Course overview:

4.1.1 Textual variations and representations

4.1.3 Children's language development

4.2.1 Language diversity and change

4.2.3 Language discourses

4.2.4 Writing skills

4.3.1 Language Investigation

4.3.2 Original writing

Methods of language analysis underpin each component:

Component 1 – 4.1.2 Methods of language analysis

Component 2 – 4.2.2 Methods of language analysis

Component 3 – 4.3.3 Methods of language analysis

Assessment:

Component 1: Language, the Individual Society

2 hours 30 minutes written exam.

100 marks – Section A 70 marks and Section B 30 marks.

Component 2: Language Diversity and Change

2 hours 30 minutes written exam.

100 marks – Section A 70 marks and Section B 30 marks.

Component 3: Non-exam Assessment Language Investigation 50%.

Original Writing and Commentary 50% - 20% of A-level.



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Entry requirements:

9–6 GCSE English and English Literature We would expect you to have a passion for analysing language and writing in a precisely crafted style .ICT skills would be an advantage.

Other course information:

- All the required reading can be found in the school library but if students wish to purchase core books then that is encouraged
- All students will be given a reading list when they enrol on the course.

Who is the course for?

- Students who have a keen interest in both written and spoken communication and how these can be used to influence opinions and decisions.
- Students who need a good basis for any of a wide range of courses and careers in the arts, the media, journalism, advertising, editing, social sciences and teaching.

Career pathways

English Language is a qualification valued in any job that involves communication, writing and/or literary knowledge. Such as marketing, journalism, law or business. However, your English skills are valued in scientific, engineering, technological and mathematical careers too. This is because writing proposals, academic papers, articles and communicating with others is vital in these fields to promote the work undertaken and gain funding for projects. The skills gained through the study of English Language can therefore be applied in most job sectors.

"After studying English Language at A-Level, I have a renewed appreciation for the power of language and how it shapes and influences the world around us. The course is varied and interesting and totally different from any English Language study I completed at GCSE."

