

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

WHY CHOOSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE?

The English Language A Level offers a clear progression from GCSE, enabling students to build upon their skills of analysis, creative writing, research and investigation. The course is a fascinating insight into how children learn language and how language has changed over time, as well as offering the opportunity for creative writing.

COURSE DETAILS

20% of the A Level is coursework-based, which incorporates areas of study that are genuinely fascinating such as accent and dialect variation, child language acquisition and gender differences in the use of language. The remainder of the course represents a return to more traditional examination procedures where candidates have longer papers (2 x 2 ½ hours) which allow 'thinking time'.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREERS

An A Level in English Language is an advantage when applying to enter almost any profession as it proves strong communication skills, an ability to read and analyse a great deal of written material with speed and precision as well as demonstrating the ability to construct convincing prose.

Specific career options related to the study of these A Levels are as follows:

- Law
- Journalism
- Education
- Politics
- Social services
- Civil service
- Advertising
- PR
- Speech therapy
- Broadcasting
- Advertising/Marketing
- Forensic linguistics



COURSE REQUIREMENTS

You must have achieved a GCSE Grade 6 in both English Literature and English Language in order to be able to access the academic requirements of this course.

You need to possess an analytical mind, prepared to deconstruct the nuances of spoken and written language. You should find language fascinating in its own right and enjoy the opportunity for original thought and creativity.

RELATED SUBJECTS

English Literature, History, Religious Studies, Theatre Studies and any language studies.

The English department really enjoy and celebrate our subjects. We expect Sixth Form students to participate in English department Co Curricular activities such as public speaking, debating, creative writing and celebrations such as National Poetry Day and World Book Day.

