

English Language - A Level

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Course Outline:

A Level comprises of two examined components and one non-exam assessment:

Language, the individual and society (2hr 30 minute exam worth 40% of A Level);

Language diversity and change (2hr 30 minute exam worth 40% of A Level) and

Language in action (two pieces of coursework: an investigation and piece of original writing with commentary. This is worth 20% of your A Level).

Skills/Aptitudes Developed/Required:

The course aims to encourage you to develop interest and enjoyment in the study of spoken and written language. Through reading widely, critically and independently you will gain extensive knowledge of the issues and attitudes surrounding the subject and broaden your understanding of the historical, geographical and social impact on the development of the English Language. You will develop skills in speaking and writing for different purposes and audiences. You will learn how to carry out an investigation on a topic of your choice.

The Faculty encourages A Level students to enrich your subject knowledge by attending extra-curricular lectures when appropriate.

Additional Considerations:

Generally it is expected that when you take this subject at A Level you will have achieved a Grade 5, or above, in both English and English Literature at GCSE. A student who is hardworking and committed can also be accepted with lower grades as long as the previous year's teacher confirms that the student would benefit from this course.



Progression Post-18

English and English Lit. are highly regarded by both universities and in the workplace, given its obvious connection with the skills of communication both written and spoken. Our students have gone on to university courses in English, Philosophy, Media, Linguistics, Law and History, and to careers in Law, Journalism, Media, and Education to name but a few.