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A Level 2027/2028

English Language

A* to B **33%** above national average

79% A*-B grade

Develop highly transferable skills for any career path

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Visiting **speakers** and other extras



A Level **English Language**

Are you fascinated by language? Do you want to know how it works, its many varieties, how it changes and what influences it? Then A Level English Language is the course for you. It offers a very different experience from GCSE English, as engaging with the real language of our daily lives – including its grammar – underpins all areas of the course. Students can expect a wide range of learning activities, with discussion and presentation central to the A Level experience. The course is assessed by two exams at the end of the second year, plus a non-examined assessment (coursework).

In your first year you will explore a diverse range of texts from everyday contexts, analysing how they use language features to create different meanings and representations. You will also investigate how language is affected by region (accents and dialects) and by social factors such as gender and occupation, as well as how it changes over time. In addition, you will develop your journalistic writing skills, creating opinion pieces about attitudes to language issues, and creating a piece of original writing as your first non-examined assessment.

In your second year you will continue to explore language diversity, including global and ethnic varieties of English and children's language development. You will also complete your second non-examined assessment: a data-based investigation into any area of language you have found particularly interesting.

In terms of enrichment, our London visit offers workshops at the British Library, hearing from its language experts and exploring its range of historical and contemporary language resources, whilst our visiting speakers – onsite or online – keep us up to date with the latest research and developments in language and linguistics.

Like all English A Levels, English Language is highly valued by universities and employers, and will give you access to a wide range of courses and careers, including further study in language and linguistics. Its core analytical elements will prepare you for arts, humanities and scientific pathways, whilst engaging with and evaluating research into the links between language and society makes English Language an ideal preparation for social science-based degrees and employment. Above all, A Level English Language will considerably enhance your cultural knowledge and understanding, and help you to become a more astute and critical reader, a more creative and evaluative thinker, and a more effective communicator in a variety of forms.

Entry Requirements:
A minimum of 5x Grade 5s, including English Literature and Grade 6 in English Language.

What's great about this course?

1. Develop analytical and creative skills
2. Explore the language of everyday life

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