



# English Language A Level

## *Course Content*

English Language will encourage you to enjoy your interest in the written and spoken word through learning about its variety, its accent, dialects and its use in occupations, leisure and all other walks of life. Topics of study include age, gender, ethnicity, language acquisition and language change.

Part of your coursework involves an investigation of data which you collect and write about. What interests you about how we use language? You will also write and analyse your own short story.

English Language will enable you to explore questions such as:

How are men and women represented differently in the media?

Does where you live affect your speech?

How do we create our online identities?

What is 'correct' English?

How has language changed over time?

Do children simply learn through imitation?

## *Career Opportunities*

Having studied English Language, exciting career opportunities can include: marketing executive, public relations executive, team leader, sales representative, digital copywriter, editorial assistant, English as a foreign language teacher, lexicographer, magazine journalist, newspaper journalist, primary school teacher. secondary school teacher.

## *Entry Requirements*

Grade 5, ideally 6 in English Language GCSE

## *Assessment*

Paper 1 Language, the individual and society  
2 hour 30 minute exam – 40% of A Level  
Three compulsory analytical questions on two unseen texts. One contemporary and one older text. (70 marks)

One question from a choice of two discursive essays on children's language development. (30 marks)

Paper 2 Language diversity and change  
2 hour 30 minute exam- 40% of A level

One question from a choice of two evaluative essays. (30 marks)

Analytical essay on a text about language attitudes. (40 marks)

Directed writing task. (30 marks)

Coursework

A language investigation. (2,000 words)

A piece of original writing and commentary. (1,500 words total)