

A photograph of several students sitting at desks in a classroom, looking towards the front. The image is partially obscured by a large purple banner.

English Language

A Level

Are you interested in why certain people speak like they do? Have you ever noticed how men and women speak differently? Do you know what makes a good communicator? English Language is interesting, stimulating, will develop your own language skills, and help you to understand why people talk and write the way they do.

Year 1

Unit 1: Language and the Individual - Textual Variations and Representations; Methods of Language Analysis.

Unit 2: Language Varieties - Language Diversity; Writing Skills; Methods of Language Analysis.

Year 2

Unit 3: Language, the Individual and Society - Textual Variations and Representations; Children's Language Development; Methods of Language Analysis.

Unit 4: Language Diversity and Change - Language Discourses; Writing Skills; Methods of Language Analysis.

'NEA Coursework': Language in Action - Language Investigation; Original Writing.

How will I learn?

You will learn through a mixture of whole-class work, small group activities and individual consultation with your teacher. Learning will also involve private reading and individual research, including interviewing and tape recording language users.

Where can I go after the course?

Careers: Journalism; Teaching; Speech Therapy; Publishing; Law and Management; Linguistics; Advertising; Writing; Media.

Further Education: English Literature; Sociology; Psychology; History; Geography; Law; Journalism; Languages.

Entry Requirements

Standard 6th Form entry requirements.

It is preferred that students have a minimum of a GCSE grade 6 in this or a related subject.

You should remember that if you wish to study English Literature at University, you will need to select English Literature as well.

Assessment at the end of Year 2

80% written examination:

Two papers, both worth 40%.

20% coursework.