



ENGLISH LANGUAGE A LEVEL

EXAMINATION BOARD

AQA A Level

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

5 A* - C Grades, including Grade 9 – 4 English in Mathematics

GCSE Grade Level 6 in English Language

THE COURSE

You will study a range of texts from Newspapers, Blogs, TV Programmes and more!

You will look at materials aimed at a variety of audiences and for various purposes.

You'll learn plenty of new terminology: mode, semiotics, lexis, gender and so on.

The texts will study English as a Global language and you will learn to analyse design choices too.

You will also look at sociolect, dialect, regional and national varieties, different occupational groups and classes.

As the course progresses you will look at a wider range of texts about various subjects and from various writers and speakers. You will also study texts from different times.

This means they could be from 1600 – 1970s as well as modern texts.

You will study English from different countries and look at how language has developed.

You will consider the role of ethnicity

You will study Child Language Development

You also produce 2 pieces of coursework: One Investigation akin to a university piece of research and one piece of Original Writing (can be any genre but with a specific audience and purpose) and an accompanying commentary on that writing.

This is an exciting and ground breaking course that looks at all the ways technology and new media affect the language we speak and write. It will help you to understand your language in ways you didn't think were possible and perhaps make you aware of how you speak in different situations.

ASSESSMENT

The course is studied over two years and contains two examinations at the end of the two years and two pieces of coursework.

- Paper 1: Language, the Individual and Society, 2 ½ hours
- Paper 2: Language, Diversity and Change, 2 ½ hours
- Coursework: Language Investigation and Original Writing

SUPPORTING SUBJECTS

English Language A Level is an excellent fit with all subjects.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Teaching, Publishing, Journalism, Speech and Language Therapy.