(AQA) - A Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

You will explore how we judge people's language, how the media uses language to persuade and mould, how and why language varies, as well as other topic areas that show you how language has the power to shape our lives.

You will deepen your understanding of the way we learn language as children and why our language constantly changes. You will also be given the opportunity to work more independently on an investigation project.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

This course opens the door to a wide range of careers and university degrees, including journalism, public relations, marketing, advertising, communications, teaching, law and management. It also provides pathways into publishing, editing, media, content creation, corporate communications and many other dynamic fields. The transferable skills gained from this course, such as critical thinking, writing and effective communication, are highly valued across industries, offering you a versatile foundation for your future career.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE:

English Language and English Literature at grade 5 or above.

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COURSE CONTENT & ASSESSMENT

Paper 1 - Language, the individual and society

Here, you will study how groups, places, people and ideas are represented in a range of texts, with a focus on audience, purpose, field, genre and mode. You will also explore issues around language development from 0-14 years old.

The exam involves analysis and comparison of unseen texts as well as analysis of language development data and lasts for 2 hours and 30 minutes.

Paper 2 - Language Diversity and Change

You will study the language of a variety of social groups for this paper and how to tailor your own writing about language issues to suit specific audiences. The exam is 2 hours and 30 minutes and involves an essay, analytical response and a creative response to stimulus material on a language issue.

ASSESSMENT

- **Paper 1 and 2 are assessed through two 2 hour 30 minute examinations**
- **There is a non-examined coursework element (NEA) worth 20% of the final mark, in which you will produce a piece of writing demonstrating skills in the power of storytelling, the power of persuasion or the power of information and conduct your own investigation into a topic area agreed with your teacher**