



Is English Language for me?

English Language is the A Level for you if what you love about English is writing your own material, or if you want to think more analytically about how language is used, how its developed and how we learn it in the first place.

What does it involve?

UNIT 1: CATEGORISING TEXTS

In this unit you will learn the basics of language study, and learn to compare and group texts that have features in common. You will also study they way in which gender can affect the way we use language as well as the way that language can give, and take away, power and the way that technology is shaping language. This unit will culminate in an exam, and constitutes 30% of the A Level.

UNIT 2: CREATING TEXTS

In Unit 2 you will have the opportunity to display your creative powers and your fluent writing style. This unit is a coursework unit for which you must submit two pieces of original writing for different audiences and purposes. You will also need to explain the reasons for you choices as part of your folder. This unit is worth 20% of the A Level.

UNIT 3 DEVELOPING LANGUAGE

In this unit you will study how children learn to acquire language and study the stages of development in both speech and writing. You will also study the history of the English Language and how and why it has changed so dramatically, and why some words just don't mean what they used to. This is an examination unit which is worth 30% of the A Level

UNIT 4: INVESTIGATING LANGUAGE

This is a coursework unit, in which you will be able to work and research a language topic of your choice independently, with support from your teachers. Your folder will also include an article which you will write for non-specialists, engaging them with the findings of your investigation. This final unit is worth 20% of the A Level.

Where can it lead?

English Language is an A Level that combines creativity, analytical skill and written communication. It leads naturally into Creative professions as well as Media, Marketing and PR but will be valuable in any area in which communication is a valuable tool and its analytical factor enables it to sit well with Maths and Science.

Minimum Entry Requirement: Grade B GCSE English