



Course Title: English Language

Qualification: A Level

<b>Why should I study this course?</b>	<p>English Language offers opportunities for students to develop their subject expertise by exploring key language concepts and engaging with a range of texts and discourses.</p> <p>You will explore the study of English language both as a medium of communication and as a topic in its own right, with an emphasis on the ability of students to pursue lines of enquiry, analyse texts produced by others and debate different views.</p> <p>You can develop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A sound understanding of the terminology associated with English Language</li><li>• The ability to analyse texts, exploring how writers create meanings and representations</li><li>• Evaluative skills when discussing and applying theories surrounding how and why different groups of people use language and how and why people use regional accents and dialects</li><li>• The ability to understand how our language is constantly changing</li><li>• Both journalistic and creative writing skills</li></ul>
<b>What you will study</b>	<p><b>Year 12 AS – all examination</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Language and the Individual</li><li>• Language Varieties</li></ul> <p><b>Year 13 A2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Language, the Individual and Society</li><li>• Language Diversity and Change</li><li>• Language in Action (coursework – 20% of overall A2)</li></ul>
<b>Assessment</b>	<p><b>Year 12 AS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paper 1 - Language and the Individual – 70 marks (50%)</li><li>• Paper 2 - Language Varieties – 70 marks (50%)</li><li>• 140 in total (100%)</li></ul> <p><b>Year 13 A2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paper 1: Language, the individual and society – 100 marks (40%)</li><li>• Paper 2: Language diversity and change – 100 marks (40%)</li><li>• Non-exam assessment: Language in action – 100 marks (20% of A Level)</li></ul>



<b>Prepares you for</b>	It is excellent preparation for students looking to take English studies at degree level, or for anyone considering any kind of career in writing, journalism or teaching.
<b>Home Learning Requirements</b>	As this is an A Level you will be expected to read around the topics that are discussed in class. There is a coursework element to this course which means that you will need to spend time outside of lesson gathering evidence for this. You will receive at least 1 home learning exercise per week.
<b>Grade Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A strong interest in English Language</li><li>• A minimum of 9 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above</li><li>• It is recommended that you have at least a 5 in an English Language</li><li>• A grade 4 or above in English Literature</li></ul>
<b>Recommended Texts (available on LRC)</b>	English Language A/AS Level for AQA Student Book (Giovanelli, Ives, Keen, Rana and Rudman, 2015)