

English Language

A Level

Exam Board: AQA (Spec B)

Subject Specific Criteria:

- Grade 6 in English or English Literature

Unit 1: Language, the Individual and Society (40%)

Students study:

- Textual variations and representations
- Children's language development (0-11 years)
- Methods of language analysis.

Unit 2: Language Diversity and Change (40%)

Students study:

- Language diversity and change (gender, occupation, region, age)
- Language discourses
- Writing skills

Unit 3: NEA: Language Investigation and Original Writing (20%)

Original writing – this is a piece of writing which either persuades, informs or entertains. You can choose any type of writing to recreate.

Language Investigation – you will choose an area of language to investigate. Past titles have included: *An Investigation into the use of gendered terms in Disney films throughout three periods of Disney.*

Skills Required:

- Analytical and critical thinking skills
- Independent learning
- Communication skills

Course Information:

Although this course builds on the study of English Language at GCSE, it is a very different subject to study at A-Level. It aims to develop the precise analytical and evaluative skills of all types of communication (including, but not exclusively: spoken, written, instant messages, non-verbal).

You will have an in-depth knowledge about how the English language has evolved, and is evolving, to reflect the changes in society.

Futures:

This course is widely accepted by universities as an entrance qualification for those wishing to read English or other related subjects. It also develops higher level analytical skills which are useful in a wide range of University courses and careers.

Student Quote

"Studying language and gender has been a real eye-opener. I really enjoyed learning about the different aspects of language and how it has evolved over the years." – Year 12 student

