A-LEVEL

English Language

Recognising features and consequences of the use of English language is a vital skill in a range of careers. You will learn to analyse and evaluate spoken, written and electronic language to see who has produced it, why they have done so and more interestingly, how that language has influenced an audience.

The English Language course will raise your awareness of the language you experience and will help you interpret texts and transcripts of spoken language and understand how not only **what** we say is significant, but also **how** and **why** we say it.

On this course you will discover how a methodical analysis of language can explain how a planned text is written for a specific audience and purpose, how and why spoken language varies across social and geographical groups. You will study topics such as the language of the media and the influence of technology on language use and you will engage in debates such as whether men and women use language differently.

2 year only

In fact, you will learn all about the greatest skill you possess – language.

How will I be assessed?

Paper 1 · Language, the Individual and Society, 2 1/2 hours, 40% of A Level

- Textual variations and representations
- Children's language development (0-11 years)
- Methods of language analysis are integrated into the activities

Paper 2 · Language Diversity and Change, 2 1/2 hours, 40% of A Level

- Language diversity and change
- Language discourses
- Writing skills
- Methods of language analysis are integrated into the activities

Coursework · Language in Action, 20% of A Level

- Language Investigation
- Original Writing

How will I be taught?

Group work, presentations, seminars, discussions and investigations, role plays, research methods and fieldwork in a variety of areas including media texts and spoken language transcripts.

Why study it?

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Careers in Journalism, Law, Business, Publishing, Broadcasting and Speech Therapy. English Language would also be useful in careers such as Nursing, Teaching, Advertising, Police work or Social work - anything involving people and communication.

English Language can be studied as a single subject in Higher Education or can be combined with a wide variety of other subjects. It could form a good basis for study in any arts-based subject in combination with, for example, Sociology, History, Media Studies, Psychology, Law, Politics or Languages.

For more information

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