

SOUTHAM COLLEGE

**S**ixth  
FORM

# A Level English Language

# Exam Achievement

	2017	2018	2019	2020
A*-B	65%	68%	56%	67%
A*-C	100%	92%	94%	96%
A*-E	100%	100%	100%	100%

# Course Content - Two examination papers and a complete portfolio of Non-examined Assessment

- ▶ **Paper 1: Language, the Individual and Society**
- ▶ 40% of A Level
- ▶ 2 hour 30 minute exam
- ▶ Section A: Textual Variations and Representations (70 marks)
- ▶ Section B: Children's Language Development (30 marks)
  
- ▶ **Paper 2: Language Diversity and Change**
- ▶ 40% of A Level
- ▶ 2 hour 30 minute exam
- ▶ Section A: Language Diversity and Change (30 marks)
- ▶ Section B: Language Discourses and Writing Skills (70 marks)

**Non-Examined Assessment:  
Language in Action**  
20% of A Level  
Language Investigation (50 marks)  
Original Writing & Commentary (50 marks)

# Key aspects of the curriculum

- ▶ We study a wide range of topics that investigate the meanings and representations in language.
- ▶ We investigate a variety of theories that examine language choices and representations. These include: language and gender, accent, dialect, ethnicity, social class, occupation and many more.
- ▶ We will cover an array of terminology that develops on from your knowledge at Key Stage 4. You will then be able to confidently and accurately apply this terminology to unseen texts.

# Entry Criteria

- ▶ Grade 6 in English Language or Literature
- ▶ We are looking for students who display a passion and enthusiasm for English Language, reading and investigating theoretical approaches to unseen texts

# Future Pathways

- ▶ What can you possibly do with English Language?
- ▶ Journalism
- ▶ Editor
- ▶ Writer
- ▶ Publisher
- ▶ TV/Radio
- ▶ Teaching
- ▶ Law
- ▶ Jobs in the media

# Student Voice

‘Language really fascinates me - I just love English’

‘I’ve enjoyed studying advertising and analysing texts in the media’

‘It’s more interesting than at GCSE’

‘I’ve picked English Language to help me with film production’

# Wider Reading at KS5

- ▶ *You Are What You Speak* by Robert Lane Greene
- ▶ *The Language of War* by Steve Thorne
- ▶ *We Are All Completely Besides Ourselves* by Karen Joy Fowler
- ▶ *Txting: the Gr8 Db8* by David Crystal
- ▶ *The Myth of Mars and Venus* by Deborah Cameron
- ▶ *Listen to Your Child* by David Crystal
- ▶ *Eats, Shoots and Leaves* by Lynne Truss
- ▶ *The Little Book of Language* by David Crystal