

ENGLISH LANGUAGE





ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN THE SIXTH FORM

The study of English Language at A Level enables pupils to engage creatively and critically with a range of texts. Pupils develop their skills as producers and interpreters of language and are able to carry out an independent investigation into 'real life' language use.

NECESSARY QUALITIES

In order to be a successful student of English Language at A Level you will need to be able to:

- Discuss concepts both orally, and in writing, with confidence and accuracy
- Analyse and interpret data from a range of sources
- Consider the psychological and sociological factors that influence the way we speak and write

LANGUAGE IS TO THE MIND MORE THAN LIGHT IS TO THE EYE

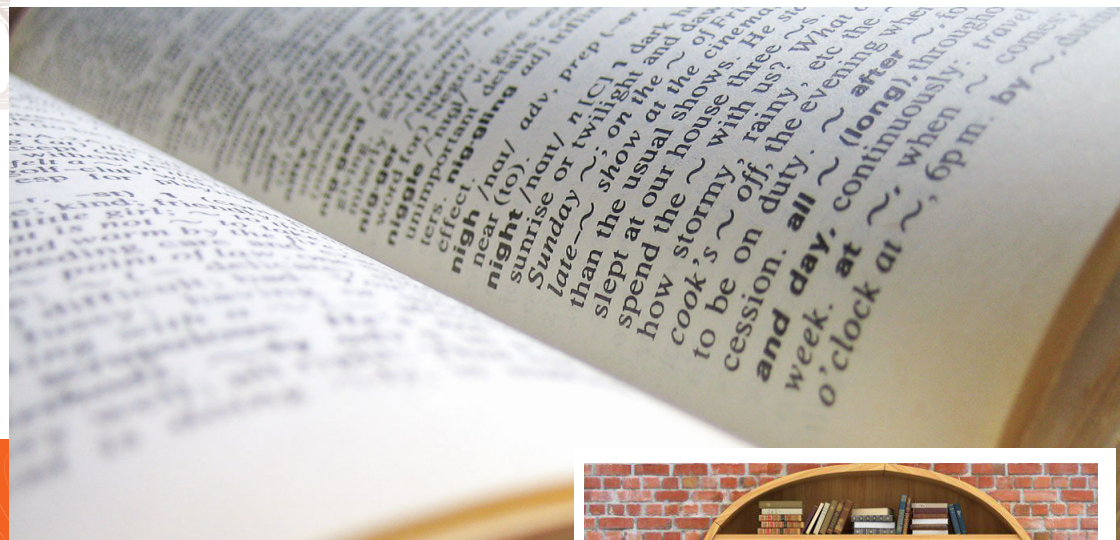
– William Gibson

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?

Over the two year course you will study the following topic areas:

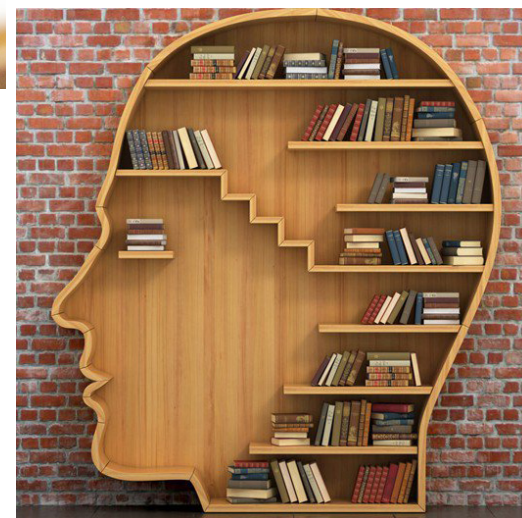
- The key features of speech and conversation
- The key features of written communication
- Language and Gender
- Language and Power
- Language and Technology
- Child Language Acquisition
- Accent and Dialect
- Language Change

You will also complete in the second year of study, an independent language investigation into an area of personal interest. This will comprise 20% of your final mark.

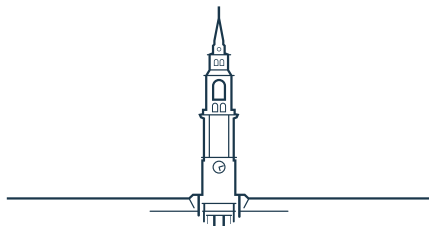


WHAT SKILLS WILL YOU GAIN?

- Development of your analysis skills
- Improvement of your critical thinking
- Increased knowledge and understanding of how and why people communicate in the way that they do.



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 SPEECH THERAPIST
 PR TRANSLATOR
 COPYWRITER FORENSICS
 DOCTOR CIVIL SERVANT
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If you would like to discuss the A Level specification and the options that the
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