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English Language

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This two year course takes a linguistic approach to the study of representations and meanings of language, examining how texts are a product of contextual influences. Students will cover a range of topics to investigate the meanings and representations of English Language, including: occupation, gender, accent, dialect, social class, world English, history of English and child language acquisition. Students will sit their AS Level qualification in the summer of Year 12.

AS Level

Paper 1: Language and the Individual (1 hour 30 minutes 50% of AS)

- Textual Variations and Representations (70 marks

Paper 2: Language Varieties (1 hour 30 minutes 50% of AS)

- Section A – Language Diversity (30 marks)
- Section B – Language Discourses (40 marks)

A Level

Paper 1: Language, the individual and society (2 hours 30 minutes 40% of A Level)

Paper 2: Language, diversity and change (2 hours 30 minutes 40% of A Level)

NEA: Language in Action. A portfolio of work to showcase your English Language creative skills as well as analysis. This will include a piece of Original Writing (750 words), a Commentary (750 words) and an Investigation into a topic of choice (2,000 words). The NEA is worth 20% of your overall A Level qualification.

Entry Criteria

GCSE Grade 6 or above in English Language, but recommended Grade 7.

Exam Board: AQA
Full A level specification link: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/a-level/english-7702/specification

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