

English Language (Linguistics)

Exam Board: [AQA](#)



Course Summary

English language shapes how we express ourselves to the world and how others perceive us. In A Level English Language (Linguistics) you will explore gender, technology and occupations as well as accents and dialects. We will consider textual variety and delve into language diversity, looking at how it has changed over time in relation to wider social, geographical and temporal contexts.

You will analyse a range of texts, spoken and written, fiction and nonfiction, drawn from a range of different historical periods and genres, as well as creating some of your own. You will consider the different concepts that underpin different texts and the context a particular text inhabits and how this impacts on our understanding.

You will be encouraged to read around the key language topics and bring your own ideas to the classroom. Debate and discussion are important elements of the course and you will gain confidence and important transferable presentation skills. You will practise tackling challenging materials, explore and analyse language data independently and develop your own writing ability.

Entry Requirements

Grade 5 or higher in GCSE English Language is required.

Course Assessment

This is a linear course. This means that students opting for this subject will be committing to a two year course with one non-exam assessment unit (coursework) and two examinations at the end of Year 13.

Where might it lead?

English Language (Linguistics) A Level opens up pathways to many careers or further education. Recent students have moved on to study Language and Linguistics at undergraduate level, combined with a modern foreign language or social sciences. Others have gone on to professions in teaching, media and the law.



“I've always wanted to be a writer, and the A Level English Language course has helped me sharpen my skills and given me more confidence in my own abilities.”

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