English Language
A Level

What is the course about?

English Language provides students with the chance to comprehensively study a variety of different writing styles and techniques, as well as offering you the chance to develop your own writing skills.

The English Language A Level enables students to explore how language is used, develops and helps create identity, how language is used differently based on gender, age or sexuality. Accents and dialects are also explored examining attitudes to spoken language. Other aspects of language such as child language development and language change are also studied. For example, how did we move from the language of Shakespeare to new additions to the dictionary such as 'whatevs' and 'sumfin'?

Course content

Topics include:

- Language, the individual and society
- Children's language development
- Spoken, written or multimodal language
- Language diversity and change:
- Language to present ideas, attitudes and opinions

Assessment

Two terminal examinations worth 80% of the A Level.

Non-exam assessment worth 20%.

Career pathways

Study an English-related degree courses at higher education.

Employment opportunities: advertising copywriter, arts administrator, editor, writer, media advisor, librarian, lawyer, human resources.

Entry criteria

Minimum of five 5 to 9 grades at GCSE including at least grade 6 in English Language.