

A-LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE

WHY STUDY ENGLISH LANGUAGE AT A-LEVEL?

Do you want to persuade others to always believe what you say? Do you want the words you use to be powerful? Do you want to be the master of your own verbal destiny?

English Language offers you the opportunity to understand the world and society through the words we use throughout our lives. As scholars of English Language, you will critically evaluate newspaper articles, political speeches, interviews, films, receipts, letters and fiction. We will explore how language has changed over time and the reason why language is changing.

Additionally, you will be given the chance to create an academic report on your chosen field of interest and explore this independently through research. This will give you core skills for both university and the world of work. Furthermore, you will have the opportunity to create your own writing and explore your choices as writers.

TOPICS STUDIED

- Textual variations and representations
- Children's language development
- Language diversity and change
- Language discourses
- Writing skills
- Language Investigation
- Original writing

ASSESSMENT STRUCTURE

The course is assessed by a combination of two exams and a non-exam assessment

PAPER 1

Language, the individual and Society

- Written exam
- 2.5 hours
- 100 marks
- 40% of A-Level

PAPER 2

Language Diversity and Change

- Written exam
- 2.5 hours
- 100 marks
- 40% of A-Level

NON-EXAM ASSESSMENT

Language in Action (Language Investigation)

The A-level specification is designed to be taken over two years with all assessments taken throughout the course.

- 100 marks
- 20% of A-Level



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade 6 in GCSE English Language

Grade 6 in GCSE English Literature

CAREER PATHWAYS

This course has links to other courses at A-Level and allows for a wide progression at university level. English Language has many career routes and can open doors into a wide range of professions, including journalism, media, education, law, speech therapy, forensic linguistics, advertising and politics. The transferrable skills of communication, the art of persuasion, analysing and evaluating and critically thinking will support you as you embark on your journey to your future career.

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

The study of language is interesting and exciting. The English language has developed over thousands of years to exist as it does today in our ever-changing world and society. The words and language we choose to use in every situation are powerful and can have a lasting impact. Therefore, if you are interested in the study of how our language is developed and used, then this course is for you. This course requires independent research, critical reading and engagement with a long-term study. The study of language is technical, but you will be equipped with the tools you need to access a variety of texts and deconstruct how words and structure can affect meaning.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Please contact Miss Dickinson, Assistant Subject Lead, cdickinson@lighthall.co.uk

READING LIST

- Text Analysis and Representation – Ian Cushing
- Language and Power – Gary Ives and Raj Rana
- The Life of Slang – Julie Coleman

