

AQA A LEVEL

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & SOCIOLINGUISTICS

If you have ever wanted to know how men and women use language in different ways, how technology has shaped and changed language in your own lifetime or how we first acquire language as a small child, then this course is for you. You will learn to analyse and evaluate how we communicate in written and spoken forms, as well as exploring new linguistic terms, theorists and concepts that will challenge everything you think you know about the language you use every day.

English Language & Sociolinguistics offers you the opportunity to not only investigate the use of language for different contexts and purposes but also includes independent original writing. In Year 12 you will explore the different types of texts that you see every day, from advertising to articles, and consider their audience, purpose, genre and mode, alongside how people and places are represented. You will also examine the language of the individual and what shapes our unique use of words including gender, geography, class and status. As well as learning key theories and ideas, you will be encouraged to research and debate ideas in order to develop your own opinions.

COURSE CONTENT

Year 12

- Linguistic Contexts – language variation according to use
- Diversity: Gender, Accents & Dialects, Social Groups and Occupation
- Language discourses – attitudes and ideas about language
- Representation – how texts represent people, places, ideas
- Introduction to the NEA:

Year 13

- Child Language Development: Speech and Literacy
- Language Change
- Global English
- Representation of ideas across time
- Completion of the NEA: An investigation into an area of language use, with written report detailing the findings

ASSESSMENT

Paper 1: Language and the Individual (40%) 2 hours 30 minutes

Paper 2: Language Variation (40%) 2 hours 30 minutes

NEA: Language in Action (20%) – Original Writing and Language Investigation

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

English Language works well with a range of A Level subjects, in particular, Sociology, Psychology, Modern Foreign Languages, Latin, Biology, English Literature, History, Politics, Media Studies and Theatre Studies



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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Literature – 5

GCSE English Language - 6

PROGRESSION

This course is a pathway to a huge range of higher education courses. Other than English Language and Linguistics courses, students often go on to study Law, Marketing, Communications, Journalism, Creative Writing, Speech and Language Therapy or Education.

The skills you'll learn will be invaluable for essay writing, dissertations, report writing, analysis and presentations in later life.

FUTURES

English is a respected and versatile subject and related to many vocations. However, the key aims of the English Language A Level are to develop critical, analytical and communication skills. These versatile skills are seen as a springboard into areas such as Law, Internal and External Communications, Journalism, Publishing, Editing, Advertising, Teaching, Writing, Copywriting, working in TV and Radio, Lecturing, and many, many more!

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