

# OCR A LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE



English Language focuses on the construction of language for a variety of different reasons. From how writers construct texts to persuade or entertain, to how men and women may (or may not!) structure their language differently. You will study both spontaneous and constructed texts in order to try and decipher the mysteries of the English language. This course builds upon the analytical skills you have developed at GCSE and also encourages you to consider the importance of social context in the creation of language.

## COURSE CONTENT

### Year 12

- A close analysis of language texts, focusing on lexis and grammar.
- Comparative unit of spoken and constructed speech.
- Gender, Power and Technology - how they affect language use.
- Writing about language for audience, purpose and genre.

### Year 13

- Language in the Media - how different areas of the media use language.
- Child Language Acquisition - how children acquire and use language from birth to the age of seven.
- Language Change - major developments in language in the past 400 years and the reasons for this.
- Language Investigation - a personal investigation into a language topic of your choice.

## ASSESSMENT

A Level - 2 external exams weighted at 40% each, internally assessed coursework weighted at 20%.

## SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

English Language works well with a range of A Level subjects, in particular, English Literature, Psychology, History, Film Studies, Sociology, Modern Foreign Languages, Geography and BTEC Health and Social Care.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least 5 GCSEs at grade 5 and above including English & Maths. English Language is especially important as this course is extremely focused on knowledge and construction of language.

## PROGRESSION

An extremely useful A Level to have as language is the basis for everything! Most HE providers would consider English A Levels highly desirable as it helps students to develop analytical skills and provide evidence of the ability to use language successfully.

Degrees often studied by English students are - English based degrees, Education, Primary Education, Law, Psychology, Nursing, Humanities based degrees to name a few.

## FUTURES

This course can lead to careers in Journalism, Teaching, the Media, Public Relations, Marketing, Broadcasting and Law.



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