



# English Language

Exam Board: AQA

**The study of English Language gives you a wide variety of transferable skills that are highly prized by Higher Education and employers. As well as writing for particular audiences and purposes, you will learn to critically analyse written, electronic and spoken texts. Additionally, you will identify arguments and express informed and independent opinions.**

A number of Higher Education courses and occupations are open to students with A-level English Language, particularly in areas such as Journalism, Media and Law.

The study of English Language would complement A-levels in English Literature, Modern Languages, History, Psychology or Sociology.

## Who is the course for?

- Students who have a keen interest in both written and spoken communication and how these can be used to influence opinions and decisions.
- Students who need a good basis for any of a wide range of courses and careers in the arts, the media, journalism, advertising, editing, social sciences and teaching.

### Entry Requirements:

9–6 GCSE English and English Literature

We would expect you to have a passion for analysing language and writing in a precisely crafted style.

ICT skills would be an advantage.

### A-level Course Summary:

#### Component 1: Language, the Individual Society

2 hours 30 minutes written exam.

100 marks – Section A 70 marks and Section B 30 marks.

#### Component 2: Language Diversity and Change

2 hours 30 minutes written exam.

100 marks – Section A 70 marks and Section B 30 marks.

#### Component 3: Non-exam Assessment

Language Investigation 50%.

Original Writing and Commentary 50%.

20% of A-level.

### Other Course Information:

- All the required reading can be found in the school library but if students wish to purchase core books then that is encouraged.
- All students will be given a reading list when they enrol on the course.



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**“After studying English Language at A-Level, I have a renewed appreciation for the power of language and how it shapes and influences the world around us. The course is varied and interesting and totally different from any English Language study I completed at GCSE.”**

**“I have really enjoyed working with so many varied texts and publications. My ability to ‘see through’ language for meaning is a skill which I know I will find invaluable in the future.”**

**“There are so many concepts and issues which I had never considered before studying English Language. From the way men and women use language differently right through to how children acquire language – topics are thought provoking and varied – I would definitely recommend.”**