

English Language A Level



Features of the Course:

- Exploration of spoken and written language in use
- Consideration of the way purposes, audiences and contexts impact upon language production and reception
- Use of linguistic methods to analyse and investigate a variety of texts
- Analysis and grouping of data sets
- Consideration of cultural values and assumptions with a key focus on language and gender, language and power and language and technology
- Opportunities to develop and reflect upon students' own writing expertise

A Level Units

Component 1: Exploring Language

- Language under the microscope: Linguistic analysis of authentic texts
- Topical language issues: Original writing for a real-world purpose on a topical language issue
- Comparing texts: Comparison of texts in spoken and written modes

Component 2: Dimensions of Linguistic Variation

- Child language acquisition: Analysis of how children learn and use language
- Language in the media: How language is used to represent groups and ideas
- Language change: How language changes and varies over time; language variety

Component 3: Non-Examined Assessment (Coursework)

Independent language research: investigation and academic poster

Methods of Assessment:

Component 1: 2 hours 30 minutes written paper: 80 marks. 40% of total A Level marks.

Component 2: 2 hours 30 minutes written paper: 80 marks. 40% of total A Level marks.

Coursework: two assignments totalling 3500 words. 20% of total A Level marks.