

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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The AS and A Level English Language course studies how language is used in different contexts, both spoken and written. Your AS studies will involve looking at grammar to enable you to analyse language more effectively. You will review transcripts of spoken language as well as written language. You will consider issues such as how language is used to create power by different groups of people. We study how the English language has evolved over time, and the impact of digital technology on language. You will have the opportunity for your own research project, as well as developing your skills in creative writing.

The Course Involves:

Year One:

- Introduction to Written and Spoken Language
- Original and Critical Writing
- Language Issues
- Language in the 21st Century

Year Two:

- Language Evolution Through Time
- Spoken Language
- Creative Re-casting
- Language and Identity Investigation

Assessment

- **Unit 1** - Exploring Language - 20%
- **Unit 2** - Language Issues and Creative/Critical Writing - 20%
- **Unit 3** - Language Over Time - 20%

- **Unit 4** - Spoken Language and Creative Re-casting - 20%
- **Unit 5** - Language and Identity (Coursework) - 20%

Particular Subjects, Skills or Interests

As a minimum, you should have gained a grade B/6 in English Language at GCSE level. You should have an interest in language and how it is used in context.

Study Visits/Fieldwork

The English Department organise various trips for both Literature and Language; there is a charge for travelling and theatre bookings.

Post-18 Opportunities

The skills you develop in English Language are transferable across a range of Higher Education qualifications. These could include courses in linguistics or creative writing as well as wider courses such as law, journalism and publishing. Whatever you go on to study, a qualification in English Language shows strong communication skills.

Subject Leader: Miss M McCarthy

Subject Champions 2020/21



Sadie Evans

Studying: English Language, Psychology, History, Art, Craft & Design & Welsh Bacallaureate.

Future aspirations: to work in interior design.

"This subject allows us to further develop our creative writing beyond GCSE, while at the same time providing us with tools to analyse the mechanisms of language in context. Whereas GCSE English Language mainly focuses on written texts, A Level involves analysing spoken language, including accent and dialect and how language involves analysing spoken language, including accent and dialect and how language evolves over time."