

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: Mrs M Maloszyo-Gibbons

Subject Champions

2021/22



Ellie Jones

Studying: Welsh Baccalaureate, Chemistry, English Language, Psychology and Sociology.

Future aspirations: to study Criminology at university.

Studying: Caitlin Jones

Studying: Welsh Baccalaureate, Biology, English Language, Media Studies and Psychology.

Future Aspirations: to study sociology at university.

"We chose this subject as we are passionate about the ways in which language, both written and spoken, is used for effect in different contexts. The subject enables us to analyse a wide variety of texts. The analytical skills and understanding of the mechanics of effective language use has improved our competence with other subjects. This qualification will enable us to access a range of university degrees and career choices."