



Head of subject:

Mrs H Osborn

Minimum entry requirements:

Grade 6 in GCSE English

Language and preferably

English Literature

English Language

What will you learn?

If you want a course that offers diversity and if you have an interest in how words work, then this is the course for you. You will learn about the lexical and grammatical 'building blocks' of language. You will explore language production and variation through writing in different forms and through textual analysis. You will develop your understanding of how language creates meanings in written, spoken and electronic modes of communication.

In addition, you will discover how children learn to speak, read and write and how language has changed since 1600 and continues to change. You will engage in debates about the nature and significance of language and society and how it helps to define our understanding of the world.

How will you be assessed during the course?

1. Language, the Individual and Society, which is 40% of the A level and assessed via a two and a half hour examination.
2. Language, Diversity and Change, which is 40% of the A level and comprised of a two and a half hour examination.
3. Language in Action, which is 20% of the A level and functions as a coursework component.

Where will this course lead?

You can expect to develop relevant skills in the use and understanding of language in a variety of practical and intellectual contexts. Beyond its relevance to a multitude of Higher Education courses, A level English Language can lead to a variety of careers including: teaching, advertising and media, law, politics, caring professions, expressive arts, speech therapy and administration.

Combined with Mathematics, English Language can be used for entry to banking, insurance, commerce and accountancy.

Further information

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/as-and-a-level/english-language-7701-7702>

There are extension and support sessions that run on a Wednesday lunchtime.