

English Language	
Teacher in charge of subject	Mrs Darley-New
Type of qualification	A Level
Exam board and subject code	AQA A level 7702
Entry requirements	
Specific subject requirement	Grade 6 in GCSE English Language
Course details	
<p>A Level English Language will enable you to study a wide range of texts from a range of time periods. It allows you consider different approaches of analysis and you will be able to apply the views of a range of theorists as well as contributing your own ideas and beliefs on the English language to analytical essays. Furthermore, there are various elements of creativity included within the course which are tested both in the exam and in the coursework components.</p> <p>This course requires a certain amount of independent study alongside teacher support and intervention when needed.</p>	
Assessment	
<p>Exam – 80% Coursework – 20%</p> <p>Exam Paper 1: Language, the individual and Society- The first section of this exam covers the introductory aspects of the study of language using a variety of texts that was studied during the two-year course. It mainly focuses on how language is used to create meaning and representation. However, Section B looks at ‘Children’s Language Development’ looking at how children learn to read, write and speak.</p> <p>Exam Paper 2: Language Diversity and Change- The first section of this exam unit may ask you to consider how men and women talk differently and whether men really are from Mars and women from Venus! You may also consider how much variety there is in the modern English Language – for example, are accents really dying out etc... Section B will ask you to look at how language is changing and consider why, for example, ‘wicked’ now means something positive. In addition to this, you will be asked to consider language change and write an opinion article in which you voice how you feel about words such as ‘Reem’ entering the English Language.</p> <p>Coursework: Language in Action – In this coursework unit, candidates apply their knowledge of linguistic methods and concepts to an investigation of their choice. Students choose whichever area of language interests them most. The investigation is followed by the production of a piece of original writing (e.g. a monologue) followed by a commentary.</p>	
Career options	
<p>English Language combines effectively at A Level and at undergraduate level with a huge range of subjects. It is a useful subject for Journalism, Law, Media Studies, Social Sciences, Modern Languages and Speech and Language therapy. Effective English is always a great asset for employment. Students wanting to study a traditional English course at University may need to study Literature too.</p>	