

English Language

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Exam Board: AQA
A Level

This course provides students with an introduction to the discipline of advanced language studies and presents opportunities for analysis of a variety of texts, from newspaper articles to political rhetoric. The course requires students to show knowledge and understanding of:

- linguistic terminology and the key frameworks of language analysis
- the differences between spoken and written modes of language
- sentence level, clause level and word level analysis of a text

English Language is a subject which requires students to think analytically, and almost scientifically at times, in their breakdown of language. It asks students to look closely at how writers and speakers manipulate language, express emotions (intentionally and unintentionally) and create a power divide through their choice of lexis and sentence structure.

Subject content:

- Textual variations and representations
- Children's language development
- Language diversity and change
- Language discourses
- Writing skills
- Language Investigation
- Original writing

Method of Assessment

Paper 1: Language, the individual and society

- Textual variations and representations
- Children's language development (0-11 years)
- Methods of language analysis are integrated into the activities

Paper 2: language, Diversity & Change

- Language diversity and change
- Language discourses
- Writing skills
- Methods of language analysis are integrated into the activities

Non-exam assessment

Language in Action Tasks:

- a language investigation (2,000 words excluding data)
- a piece of original writing and commentary (1,500 words total)