

# English Language

## A Level

**Exam Board:** AQA

**Subject Specific Criteria:**

- Grade 6 in either GCSE English Language or Literature
- Grade 4 in GCSE Mathematics

**Units Studied:**

- **Language, the Individual and Society (40% - exam)**

Students will study two texts (one contemporary and one older text) linked by topic or theme and will prepare and write a discursive essay on children's language development.

- **Language Diversity and Change (40% - exam)**

Students will prepare and answer one question from a choice of two - **either** an evaluative essay on language diversity **or** an evaluative essay on language change. Students will read and study two texts about a topic linked to the study of diversity and change.

- **Language in Action 1900 (20% - non exam assessment)**

Students read three texts from different time periods and must complete a language investigation and a piece of original writing and commentary.

**Skills Required:**

- Analytical and critical thinking skills
- Independent learning
- Communication skills

**Course Information:**

This course builds on the study of English Language at GCSE. It aims to encourage students to develop an interest and enjoyment of English Language through reading widely across time and genre, and opportunities for creative writing.

**Futures:**

This course is widely accepted by universities as an entrance qualification for those wishing to read English or other related subjects. It also develops higher level analytical skills which are useful in a wide range of University courses and careers.

**Subject Enrichment:**

Students will have the opportunity to see live performances of plays and theatre trips.

