

Key Stage 5

Subject: English Language

Intent

The A Level English Language course exposes students to a range of texts, encouraging them to consider the role of language in society, how language is used in particular situations and the implications of meanings to an audience. The course also develops students' understanding of the variations in language across different generations, cultures and genders, and how we develop our own language throughout our lives.

Programme of study and assessment

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Year 12	During the first half term, students are given an introduction to Language and study 'Language and texts'. They then move on to a focus on the language of children and different groups of people.	During this term, students look at different types of opinion writing and develop their textual analysis of a range of text types.	During this term, students prepare for their mock examination and before the summer holidays begin a unit on 'Language and the Individual'.
Assessment	Students are assessed on the unit of 'Language and Children' with a practice examination question.	Students are assessed on the unit of 'Opinion writing' with a practice examination question.	The mock examination is on Paper 1: Language, the Individual and Society- The paper will cover textual variations and representations, children's language development and methods of language analysis.

Year 13	At the start of the year, students begin the first part of their coursework, which is a language investigation into a topic of their choice. Students then move onto a unit regarding 'Language Change'. Students also prepare for their mock examinations which are held in the Spring term.	During the first part of this term, students complete the second part of their coursework, which is a piece of original writing and commentary. They then move on to study a unit on 'World Englishes'.	During this term, students prepare and revise for the two examination papers that they will sit in May or June.
Assessment	Students are assessed on their coursework, the first part of which is 2000 words, excluding data.	<p>The mock examination is on Paper 1: Language, the Individual and Society- The paper will cover textual variations and representations, children's language development and methods of language analysis.</p> <p>Students are assessed on the second part of their coursework which is 750 words.</p>	<p>Paper 1: Language, the Individual and Society- The paper will cover textual variations and representations, children's language development and methods of language analysis.</p> <p>Paper 2: Language, Diversity and Change- This paper will cover language diversity and change, language discourses (how language is used to present attitudes, ideas and opinions) and directed writing.</p> <p>Coursework: Students will produce a folder of work to a maximum of 3500 words including a language investigation and original writing.</p>