

# A – Level English Language

## A-Level English Language Overview:

The study of English Language encourages you to discover the way in which language is used by individuals and groups, how children learn to speak, read and write, the changes language has gone through over time and the variations and diversity we have in our language. You will find out how language has evolved over the centuries and how different dialects and accents are prominent across regions of this country.

You will gain and develop skills in analysing language, applying theories and the ability to evaluate and critique ideas. Through the completion of your NEA you will improve your research skills and show off your creativity and flair in writing.

### Topics Studied

- Sociolinguistics
- Spoken English
- Phonetics
- Identity
- Language and Gender
- Early Child Language Acquisition
- Reading and Writing
- Language Levels
- Language Diversity
- How language changes



*“Language has no independent existence apart from the people who use it. It is not an end in itself; it is a means to an end of understanding who you are and what society is like.” David Crystal.*

### Assessment:

- Paper 1 – Language, the Individual and Society – 100 marks - 40% – 2hrs 30 mins
- Paper 2 – Language Diversity and Change – 100 marks - 40% – 2hrs 30 mins
- NEA – Language in Action – 50 marks – 20%

### Entry Requirements:

Grade 6 in English Language or English Literature.

### Specification

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### Progression and Career Opportunities:

Studying A-Level English Language enables you to study many courses at University including – English, Journalism, Teaching, Creative Writing, Psychology, Sociology, Criminology, Law and History. The course enables you to develop excellent communication, problem-solving, analytical and critical thinking skills which can benefit a wide range of careers.