

## A-Level English Language

English language is very different from the subject you studied at GCSE. Although we build on the skills you learnt, there will be a lot of terminology to learn and new skills to develop.

### WHAT WILL YOU STUDY?

You will learn how to analyse a text and then apply this knowledge to your own writing. At AS you will also learn about how language is affected by society.

### AS

60% exam- 2 hours, taken in June

The exam is split in to two sections:

Section A asks you to group texts according to the analytical skills you have learnt.

Section B asks you to analyse a text according to the social context specified. You will learn about three different social contexts in language- gender, technology and power

40% coursework- one piece due before Christmas, 2nd piece due before February half term.

Both are pieces of your own writing, with different purposes and audiences. You then write a commentary about each piece explaining linguistic choices you made.

### A2

60% exam- 2.5 hours, taken in January

The exam is again split in to two sections:

Section A focuses on how children acquire spoken and written language

Section B focuses on how language has been changed throughout history and more contemporary changes that have taken place.

40% coursework- two pieces due before Easter

The Language Investigation is your chance to investigate an area of language that you find particularly interesting. This could be anything from sports commentary to the language of twins!

The media text asks students to use the knowledge they gathered from their investigation and create a new text based on that information.

### WHY IS ENGLISH LANGUAGE SO GOOD TO STUDY?

English Language is a subject which universities love as it shows them that you are able to write well. It also really complements so many other AS subjects, such as Media Studies, Film Studies, Psychology and Sociology. It's also a fantastic subject if you have aspirations of becoming a journalist or want to be involved in other aspects of the media.