

English Language - AQA

Course Content

AS Level

Paper 1 - Language and the Individual

- Analysis of two texts on a common theme, focusing on meanings, representations and contexts.

Paper 2 - Language Varieties

- A discursive essay about language diversity (gender, occupation, dialect)
- A directed writing task about attitudes to language.

A Level

Paper 1 - Language, the Individual and Society (40%)

- Analysis of two texts on a common theme (one is an older text) using the concepts for language analysis.
- Discursive essay on children's language development.

Paper 2 - Language Diversity and Change (40%)

- An evaluative essay on diversity or change. This explores debates about social attitudes to language and includes topics such as gender and dialect.
- An analysis of how two texts use language to present ideas, attitudes and opinions.
- A directed writing task.

Coursework - Language in Action (20%)

- A language investigation exploring and analysing language data independently.
- A piece of original writing and commentary.

Lesson Structure

Group work - discussion

Presentation

Research

Writing workshops

Formal teaching

University visits/lectures

Extra Information

This course offers clear skills progression from GCSE with exciting text and data-based sources of language in its various forms and contexts. The variety of assessment styles used, such as data analysis, discursive essays, original writing and research-based investigative writing, allows students to develop a range of skills. These include critical reading, data analysis, evaluation, the ability to develop and sustain arguments and a number of different writing skills which are invaluable for both further study and future employment.

Career Opportunities

Print journalism, public relations, teaching, the media (TV & radio), the civil service and publishing.