

English Language

COURSE CODE

A Level AQA 7702

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 5 in GCSE English Language, 6 is preferable.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

Students will develop an understanding of the key concepts and theories around language study, as well as developing grammatical, theoretical and conceptual understanding of language. They will explore how language is used to construct our ideas, our identities and our world. Students will explore how language is employed as a means of symbolic expression to assert power in society, for example in the world of work. Learners will explore ideas in relation to language Diversity and Change considering how each generation adapts the English Language for their own uses. Students will explore variation in terms of language use looking at varieties of and attitudes towards ethnic, regional, social and global varieties of English. Furthermore, they will consider how children acquire and develop language and different modes of communication.

ASSESSMENT

A Level

- Paper 1 – Language, the Individual and Society – 2.5 hour exam – 40% of A level.
- Paper 2 – Language Diversity and Change – 2.5 hour exam – 40% of A level.
- Non-exam assessment – Language in Action coursework folder – 20% of A level.

NEXT STEPS

Each year, several students use this A level as a springboard to a university degree course. Many courses are available such as Linguistics, Journalism, Creative Writing as well as many other combined degree courses.

CAREER INFORMATION

Many students find this A level helpful to prepare them for the world of work, since it develops their language, analytical and creative writing skills. Previous students have gone to work in a wide variety of areas such as Law, Teaching, Journalism, Marketing and the Performing Arts.

EXTRA COSTS

Students will be asked to purchase their own copy of the Cambridge AQA English Language textbook for self-study and revision purposes. This is easily available for around £20.

