

# English Language A Level

**Examination Board:**  
AQA

**Entry Requirements:**  
Grade 4 in English Language  
and English Literature

## Potential Career Opportunities:

English Language is a popular and well-respected A Level that indicates your ability to think critically and to research complex issues using data.

A degree in English Language and Linguistics can take you into specific career areas such as Speech Therapy, Journalism and Publishing.

It is an excellent grounding to become a school Teacher. It also presents you as an excellent reader and researcher.

## Course Overview:

### Unit 1: Language, the individual and society

In this unit we will study a range of different texts from historical texts to digital communication. You will be expected to analyse the texts in close detail, comparing and contrasting two unseen texts in the examination. We will also be studying how children learn how to speak, read and write and the different theories that influence our understanding of children's language acquisition.

### Unit 2: Language diversity and change

Here we will explore the key issues behind any study of the English language: do men and women speak differently to each other, and why? How has English changed over time? What makes one way of speaking English 'right' and another 'wrong'? What does the future hold for the language in our digital, global world?

### Unit 3: Coursework

Here you will complete two coursework assignments.

1. A language investigation where you will collect data, for example, audio recordings, children's exercise books, examples from internet forums, and interrogate your findings, conduct critical research and write a 2,000 word essay.
2. A piece of original writing with a commentary, selecting from a range of tasks such as travel writing, short stories, persuasive speeches or a dramatic monologue.

## Assessment:

There is a combination of examination and coursework.

## Why would this course suit me?

For English Language A Level, you will build on your skills and experience of analysis at GCSE and explore a broad range of issues, theories and ideas related to the study of English Language. You will use your understanding of how language functions to explore fascinating topics such as how children learn to talk and how the internet is changing how we communicate.

This course follows the new A Level specifications, so that the final grade is made up entirely of the A Level assessments taken at the end of Year 13. You will also be able to write creatively, in both examination and coursework, and reflect critically on your own writing process and on the work of other writers.

## How does this course link to other subjects?

This A Level combines well with a broad range of other subjects, including Psychology, Science subjects and Humanities.

