

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

AWARDING BODY AQA



Course Specification link:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/a-level/english-7702/specification>

Brief outline of course

A Level English Language offers students the opportunity to explore how language works and how it shapes the world around us.

Students will study topics including:

Language and Gender – exploring how language can reflect and construct gender identities, and examining different theories and perspectives on gendered language

Language and Technology – investigating how digital communication, social media and new technologies are changing the ways we communicate

Child Language Acquisition – exploring how children develop their spoken and written language from infancy through to adolescence

Sociolinguistics – investigating how language varies according to factors such as age, region, social class, occupation and social group

World Englishes – exploring the development and use of English around the world, including different varieties of English and the influence of globalisation

Language Change – investigating how and why the English language has changed over time, from its historical roots to the language we use today

How are students assessed?

Written examinations (80% of A-Level):

Paper 1 – Language, the individual and Society – 2 hours 30 minutes

Paper 2 – Language Diversity and Change – 2 hours 30 minutes

Non-Exam assessments (20% of A-Level):

Language Investigation (2,000 words)

Original Writing and Commentary (1,500 words)

Are you interested in:

- Being a confident communicator
- Exploring the effective use of language
- Developing your analytical skills
- Understanding how context affects language use
- Developing your own creative and technical skills

Leading to a career in:

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| • Media | • Law |
| • Politics | • Police |
| • Teaching | • Publishing |
| • Journalism | |

Subject Entry Criteria

GCSE English Language or English Literature Grade 6

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