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English Language

Exam Board: AQA

Contact teacher: Mr P Lloyd

Why study English Language?

Language is crucial in every facet of day to day lives. Would you enjoy looking at a wide range of spoken and written language? Writing in different creative and journalistic styles? Studying English Language, you will gain valuable insight into the way language is used to communicate effectively. The course will give you the command of language invaluable to you in later life.

Course details

AS level

Unit 1: Categorising texts

- Exploring and understanding spoken and written language in use
- The roles of purposes, audiences and contexts and the impact of these pressures upon language production and reception
- An analysis and investigation of a variety of extracts taken from everyday sources

Unit 2: Creating text

- Development of personal writing expertise through individual coursework
- Writing to entertain, to persuade, to inform and to instruct
- The use of register and style; characteristics of genres and sub-genres; the impact of language choices (lexis and grammar) and discourse strategies; the purposes and skills of planning, drafting and redrafting; the use of primary sources and of clear referencing of these materials; skills associated with analysing and reviewing the writing process and the reception of their own texts.

A2 level

Unit 3: Developing language

- Language acquisition - the nature and functions of language acquisition and social development of children from 0-11 years
- Language change - historical and contemporary changes in the English Language from Late Modern English (1700+) to the present day

Unit 4: Investigating language

- Coursework exploring and analysing language data
- Data collection methodology
- Analysis and interpretation of data using appropriate linguistic methods and techniques
- Evaluation and investigative conclusions

How is the course taught and assessed?

The AS level comprises of coursework and you will be encouraged to develop your own writing and editorial skills, producing writing in different genres and for different audiences and purposes. The A2 level comprises of coursework and application of your knowledge of linguistic methods and concepts.

There will be plenty of discussion and the mutual sharing of ideas. There will also be opportunities for students to explore and develop their own interests within the framework of the course.

Entry requirements

Students are required to have achieved 6 A*-C GCSE grades and at least a C grade in GCSE English Language and Mathematics.

What are the progression routes with this qualification?

It is important to note that if you are applying for a degree course entitled "English" or "English Literature", an A Level in English Literature is required.

What extra work can I do?

The wider your experience of texts, the better it will be for your English Language skills.