

English Language

A LEVEL

Level 3

OCR

Course overview

The course is suitable for students who enjoy analysing language in real world contexts and exploring how it changes, is learnt, is shaped and manipulated; the course has a lot to do about learning about life through language.

Entry Requirements

You must have a minimum of 5 grades 9-4 (equivalent to A*-C) at GCSE, including English and Maths at grade 4, plus you must also meet the specific subject entry requirements.

Subject Specific Requirements

Grade 5 in English Language GCSE.

Popular Subject Combinations

A Level: Psychology; Sociology; Law; History; English Literature

BTEC:

Possible Enrichment Opportunities

Student Linguistics Club

Student name: Tom Channell (ex pupil of Matthew Arnold)

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What will I learn?

This subject gives you a fuller and more perceptive sense of how languages is acquired and used in a number of real life contexts. Amongst other things, we consider how we learn to speak, how varying influences such as modern technology, gender and power shape language, trace the path of the English language and consider some of the contextual influences that have caused language to change, as well as learn how to write effective arguments on topical language issues. The course often draws on contemporary sources from the media and you, become skilled at closely analysing the changing patterns, structures and techniques used in various contexts.

How will I be assessed?

Through exams, one covering each Exploring Language

Two hours and 30 minutes, worth 40% of the marks.

Dimensions of Linguistic Variation

Two hours and 30 minutes, worth 40% of the marks.

Non-examined unit, worth 20% of the marks.

An independent language investigation (2,500 words)

Academic Poster (1,000 words)

Where might it lead?

Students who take this course have learnt about the use of language in various contexts, including relevant theories and concepts and are therefore suited to careers that involve excellent written communication, close analysis of data, systematic organisation or things drawing on the need for a profound understanding of language use. These careers may include Law, Journalism, Teaching, Speech Therapy, Editorial work and Public Relations.

If you would like further information about this course please contact the admissions team at

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