

A black and white photograph of a spiral-bound notebook with a pen and a dark folder. The notebook is open, showing a blank, lined page. A silver pen with a textured grip lies on the left side of the notebook. The notebook is resting on a dark, textured folder or book cover. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

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## AS LEVEL

The AS course will enable you to explore textual variations and representations. You will also study language diversity and language discourses.

The first examination unit, 'Language and the Individual', focuses on individual contexts for language, whilst the second examination, 'Language Varieties', considers larger-scale public discourses about variety. Examination tasks may include close studies of individual texts, comparisons of texts, as well as discursive essays and directed writing tasks.

For the AS course, you will study and explore:

- ◆ A range of texts from a range of genres, authors and modes
- ◆ How language is shaped by audience, purpose, genre, mode and context
- ◆ How to write discursively about language

Topics include:

- ◆ Accent and Dialect Within the British Isles
- ◆ Language and Gender
- ◆ Language and Occupation
- ◆ Language and Social Groups

## A LEVEL

For the A Level course, you will also study child language development (0-11 years) and this will form part of the first examination, along with textual variations and representations. In the second examination, you will also study language change, as well as language diversity and variety.

Unlike the AS course, there is also a non-examination assessment for the A Level course. This includes a language investigation, as well as a piece of original writing and commentary.

For the A Level course, you will study and explore:

- ◆ A range of texts, from 1600 to the present day, from a range of genres, authors and modes
- ◆ How language is shaped by audience, purpose, genre, mode and context
- ◆ Theories and research about language
- ◆ How to write discursively about language and how to write analytically about texts.

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE

A LEVEL

## Entry Requirements:

A grade 6 or above in English Literature and/or English Language would firmly indicate suitability. Students who enjoy research and communicating ideas, and work well individually as well as in small groups, would enjoy the course.

*Is this for me?*

This course is often referred to as the study of 'social linguistics' as it encourages students to consider how people use language to identify and assert themselves within society.

If you enjoy analysing and exploring the power or language, how language changes and continues to change as a result of technology and social media, how people form their identity as an individual and within social groups through language, then this is the course for you!



Topics include:

- ◆ Child Language Development: Learning to Speak, Read and Write
- ◆ Accent and Dialect: Worldwide English
- ◆ Language Change Throughout History



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