

A-LEVEL / EDUQAS - WJEC / 2 YEARS

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Students will develop a wide range of language skills at a high level through the study of both written and spoken English. Students will learn to apply a wide variety of transferable skills, such as analytical skills, essay-writing skills and creative writing skills.

Students will acquire key terminology to allow them to analyse and evaluate a range of texts, from memes to television interviews and everything in between. They will also become skilled creative writers.

COURSE CONTENT

IN YEAR 12, students will explore topics such as the language used in C21st technology; the language used to exert power; the language used by different genders to represent their identity; creative writing to produce a wide range of texts for a variety of audiences and purposes; and the use of spoken language in various situations, such as chat shows, talent shows and radio shows.

IN YEAR 13, students will explore topics such as the change of language over time; the way children acquire language; the variety of language used by different regional and social groups.

ASSESSMENT

Component 1: Exam (30%) Language concepts and issues

Component 2: Exam (30%) Language change over time

Component 3: Exam (20%) Creative and critical use of language

Component 4: Coursework (20%) Language and identity

In Year 13, students will complete one piece of coursework, which is based on the language used to represent identity and allows students to choose a topic they find interesting. The topics are limited only by the imagination of the students. For example, one student may explore how a particular Grime artist's lyrics have changed over time, while another may compare the speeches of male and female politicians.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

English Language combines well with a wide variety of other subjects including English Literature, History, Sociology, Psychology, Media Studies, Law, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Politics and French.

CAREERS/HE INFORMATION

English Language students have a wide range of possible higher education and career opportunities. The skills developed in this course are in demand from employers, universities and colleges. They can help lead to careers in areas such as teaching, journalism, other media and law. The written skills developed in English Language support any course with a substantial written component.