

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

EXAM BOARD: AQA

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Language, the Individual and Society: An introduction to language analysis and textual variety, exploring concepts related to audience, purpose, genre, mode and representation.

In Year 13, there is also an exploration of how children learn language. Language Varieties, Diversity and Change: An exploration of varieties in English, including attitudes to diversity and exploring language in its social and geographical contexts. In Year 13, there is also an exploration of how language has changed over time. There are two pieces of coursework: an investigation into a chosen aspect of language and a piece of original writing with commentary worth an overall 20%.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Your grade will be achieved from two exams each worth 40% of the course and two pieces of coursework worth 20% overall.

Paper 1: Language, the Individual and Society

- **Section A** – Textual variations and representations two texts, linked by topic or theme. A question requiring analysis of one text A question requiring analysis of a second A question requiring comparison of the two texts.
- **Section B** – Children's language development. A question on an aspect of how children learn to talk.

Paper 2: Language Diversity and Change

- **Section A** – Diversity and Change Topics here include: The language of occupation, gender, sociolect and accent and the significance of language changes in the last thousand years.
- **Section B** – Language Discourses. A study of structure and comparison across one topic. This section includes a piece of non-fiction creative writing.

Non-exam assessment (coursework): Language in action

A language investigation (2000 words) and a piece of original writing and commentary (1500 words) .



MINIMUM GCSE REQUIREMENTS

- English Language grade 5

POSSIBLE PROGRESSION PATHWAYS

English Language is a subject which is very well regarded by Higher Education institutions and, because it is the study of the language used across the United Kingdom and beyond, it complements any educational course that a student might follow and provides a new perspective on most professions.

It is widely accepted for careers in teaching, journalism, the media, social work, marketing and publicity and many more.