

## A-level English Language - exam board AQA:

### Course outline:

This course offers opportunities for students to develop their subject expertise by engaging creatively and critically with a wide range of texts and discourses. Students will create texts and reflect critically on their own processes of production, while analysing the texts produced by others.

The course explores the study of English Language both as a medium of communication and as a topic in its own right, with an emphasis on the ability of students to pursue lines of enquiry, debate different views, and work independently to research aspects of language in use. Language is seen as a creative tool for expression and social connection, as well as for individual cognition. The study of language as a symbolic system used to assert power in society is also fundamental to the scope of this specification.

This specification draws academic insights from a range of fields within the study of English language/linguistics, including sociolinguistics and discourse analysis.

### Course content:

Unit	Assessment
<b>Unit 1: Language, the Individual and Society</b> Study of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Textual variations and representations</li> <li>Children's language development (0-11 years)</li> </ul>	<b>Paper 1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes</li> <li>100 marks</li> <li>40% of A-level</li> </ul>
<b>Unit 2: Language Diversity and Change</b> Study of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Language diversity and change</li> <li>Language discourses</li> <li>Writing skills</li> </ul>	<b>Paper 2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes</li> <li>100 marks</li> <li>40% of A-level</li> </ul>
<b>Non-exam assessment: Language in Action</b>  Students produce: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a language investigation (2,000 words excluding data)</li> <li>a piece of original writing and commentary (1,500 words total)</li> </ul>	<b>NEA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Word count: 3,500</li> <li>100 marks</li> <li>20% of A-level</li> <li>Assessed by teachers</li> <li>Moderated by AQA</li> </ul>