



Key Stage: 5

Subject: English Language (New Course - Year 12 in 2015/16)

Aims of the subject:

As a student of English Language you will come to realise that every word we say or write is a choice. You will learn new ways to analyse those choices as well as developing your own creative writing skills.

How have the huge advances in communication technology changed the way we use language? Why do you only call your mother 'Mummy' when you want something? When a woman drops a hint, why is it that a man never picks it up? And when someone looks outside and says that it's raining cats and dogs... why don't we immediately phone the RSPCA? In English Language you will learn the answers to all of these questions and many more.

A Level Examination Board: AQA

Assessment Overview:

- **Year 12: The AS course and the first half of the A Level course are taught together – the courses are designed by AQA to be co-teachable.**
- **Year 13: The remainder of the A Level course is taught to students who have opted to continue with the subject.**

Course	What will I study?	Assessment
AS / A	Term 1: Language and the Individual (analytical responses) Term 2: Language Varieties (discursive essay and directed writing responses) Term 3: Revision period; after exams begin work on coursework for A Level	AS English Language 100% exam 2 x 90 minute papers each worth 50%
A	Term 1: Complete coursework; Language, the Individual and Society Term 2: Language Diversity and Change Term 3: Revision period	A Level English Language 80% exam; 20% coursework 2 x 150 minute papers each worth 40% 2 pieces of coursework each worth 10%

Enrichment opportunities: Creative Writing, Debating, Essay Writing Support, Main School Classroom Support in English lessons

Suggestions for wider reading: We use the Oxford AQA textbook and also recommend *The Adventure of English* by Melvyn Bragg and anything by David Crystal, particularly *Rediscover Grammar*.