

A LEVEL: ENGLISH LANGUAGE (AWARDING BODY OCR)



CONTENT

Through a rich and varied programme of study, learners will develop a deep knowledge of how English language works and a secure understanding of the language system. The A level programme is assessed by two exam papers at the end of Year 13 and a Non-Exam Assessment:

Component 1: 2.5 hours (40% of A level) Exploring Language: language under the microscope, writing about a topical language issue, comparing spoken and written texts

Component 2: 2.5 hours (40% of A level) Dimensions of Linguistic Variation: child language acquisition, language in the media, language change

Component 3: Independent Language Research (20% of A level) Students choose an area of language interest and conduct and write their own investigation (2500 words). In addition, students then design an academic poster to complement their research project.

PROGRESSION

An English Language A Level is suitable foundation for any further study, but can be especially beneficial if you are considering specialising in the following career areas:

- Working with children
- Media and Journalism
- Publishing
- Public Relations
- Social Media/Web Design

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Former student Hannah Sainsbury not only achieved an A for her English Language A level, but was also awarded A* for her EPQ, the subject of which was inspired by her English Language studies: What were the main factors to influence the development of the English Language?

Some varied areas of independent research that past students have conducted include:

- How language in advertising reinforces cultural stereotypes
- How cosmetic companies use language to market their nail polish ranges
- Have stand-up comedians changed their language usage over time?
- Gender representation in horror movies