

## **SUBJECT : English Language**

QUALIFICATION: A Level GCE in English Language

QUALIFICATION LEVEL:

QUALIFICATION TYPE: AS and A2

AWARDING BODY: AQA – Specification B

CATEGORY: English Language

Qualification Accreditation Number (QAN):

### **DESCRIPTION**

English Language A Level is a natural progression from GCSE study. It develops students' interest and appreciation of English and their ability to express themselves in speech and writing.

The course is delivered through a workshop style of teaching which actively encourages student creativity and exploration. We seek to develop writing skills and encourage students to write with growing sophistication for different audiences and purposes.

### **WHAT WILL I LEARN?**

AS

Students will analyse and categorise a range of short English texts. We also explore three specific social contexts:

Language and Power; Language and Gender; and Language and Technology.

Students are also to produce texts for different genres, audiences and purposes.

A2

Students will explore texts will relate to Child Language and Acquisition, and Language Change.

Students apply their knowledge of linguistic methods and concepts to two separate pieces of writing; student chosen project and an informative media text.

### **WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?**

Students should have at least Grade B at GCSE English Language

### **HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?**

AS

2 hour written examination (60% of AS, 30% of total A Level)

Coursework task – 2,500 to 3,000 word (40% of AS, 20% of total A Level)

A2

2½ hour written examination (60% of A2, 30% of total A Level)

Coursework task – 2,500 to 3,000 words (40% of A2, 20% of total A Level)

### **FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES?**

Students of English Language become analytical, explorative and creative and therefore possess skills that support many degree courses, not just English or Linguistics. In addition, careers that require journalistic writing, data handling or media evaluation will be enhanced with this qualification.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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