



## Sixth Form Subject Guide

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE

### ★★★ CAREERS RELATED TO STUDYING THIS SUBJECT

If you choose to study English Language, you will develop comprehensive written and spoken communication skills, becoming adept at in depth analysis and crafting a variety of genres of writing. Thus, English Language students can be found in most industries, filling a variety of roles – from editor to academic, or legal advisor to manager.

You could consider careers in media, publishing, TV and radio, copywriting, events management, teaching, teaching English abroad, linguistics & speech therapy or journalism.

### ★★★ A LEVEL COURSE CONTENT

This qualification provides you with opportunities to make critical and informed responses to a wide range of texts. You will also demonstrate your ability to produce writing to specific briefs and for given audiences.

English Language students will also develop a strong foundation in the study of linguistics, focusing on language change, child language acquisition, English in the world, and language and the self.

### ★★★ A LEVEL METHODS OF ASSESSMENT

There are four equally weighted, externally assessed examinations. There are no coursework components.

#### Paper 1: Reading (25% weighting)

- You will respond to unseen texts and demonstrate your knowledge and understanding through your analysis.

#### Paper 2: Writing (25% weighting)

- You will demonstrate knowledge and understanding of a variety of forms through your writing.

#### Paper 3: Language Analysis (25% weighting)

- You will demonstrate your knowledge of 'Language Change' from Early Modern English to Contemporary English, as well as your knowledge of child language acquisition.

#### Paper 4: Language Topics (25% weighting)

- You will demonstrate your knowledge of English in the world, as well as the relationship between language and the self.

### ★★★ METHODS OF STUDY FOR A LEVEL

Strategies include group discussion (whole group, small group and pairs), close reading and annotation of texts and the use of audio/visual stimuli. You will also prepare presentations (individual, paired or small group) and will report back on your findings.

You will produce a lot of work independently. However, there are frequent opportunities to share ideas either prior to, during or after written assignments.

You should expect to complete approximately additional hours of independent study outside of your lessons each week. This could include reading, research, essay writing or other activities.

For you to take full advantage of the course it is also recommended that you immerse yourself in the wider reading of any texts that interest, inspire or intrigue you (see the Discovery List for more information).

### ★★★ ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR A LEVEL

You should have achieved at least a grade B in English Language at IGCSE.

