English Language

Exam Board AQA
Qualification A-level
Entry Requirements Grade 6 in English Language

Content

Year 12:
Language and the individual
Language varieties

Year 13:
Language, the individual and society
Language diversity and change
Language investigation
Original writing

Assessment

Paper 1: Language, the individual and society – Textual variations and representations and children's language development (*40% of A-level)*

Paper 2: Language diversity and change – Diversity and change and language discourses *(40% of A-level)*

Non-exam assessment: Language investigation and original writing (*20% of A-level)*

Career Prospects

Students with English Language as a qualification often progress to higher education. It is suited to disciplines where communication skills, in both speech and writing, are paramount. Students who have followed a career path soon after A-levels have gone into areas as diverse as the Police Force, Navy, Banking and professional sport.
Progression routes include teaching/working with young children; reading, writing, speaking and listening are central to any child's learning. Primary or secondary teaching is rewarding. Section B of Paper 1 (A-level English Language) in particular helps to prepare those looking to work with young children. The non-exam assessed responses directly develop writing skills and serve as an excellent introduction to journalism. The ability to read carefully, assimilate information quickly and exercise judgement wisely also makes Law a natural course to take. The ability to assess and evaluate speech also aids students in their progression towards this discipline.