

# Sixth Form

## GCE A Level English Language

**Duration:** AS 1 year - A Level 2 years

**Specification:**

AQA

Further details are available from the AQA website:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/as-and-a-level/english-language-7701-7702>

**Entry Requirements/Student Suitability:**

Students are required to reach the Wadebridge Sixth Form Level 3 entry criteria. In addition you should relish reading independently and you should enjoy creative writing. The course will build on skills from the English Language GCSE.

**Course Content:**

**AS Level**

Paper 1 Exam 1 hour 30mins **Language and the Individual** ( 50% AS)

Analysis of two texts linked by topic/theme and a comparison of the two.

Paper 2: Exam 1 hour 30 **Language varieties** (50% AS)

Essay on language diversity.  
Directed writing task on attitudes towards language.

**A Level**

**Paper 1** – Exam – 2 hours 30 minutes – **Language, the Individual and Society (40%)**

Comparison of how texts use language, e.g. in advertising/websites.

Examination of language development in children e.g. Primary school students' writing.

**Paper 2** – Exam – 2 hours 30 minutes – **Language Diversity and Change (40%)**

Essay on how language varies according to the speaker and the context.

Comparison of 2 texts in terms of how they use language, followed by an opinion article.

**Coursework** 3500 words (20%)

Investigate an area of language use e.g. Genre/function/attitudes/user-based.

Original writing: either to persuade, story-telling or information.

For further information and example question papers see the AQA website : <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/as-and-a-level/english-language-7701-7702>

**Methods of Study:**

Classroom discussion.  
Group work.  
Independent Research.  
Practice exam papers  
Textual analysis

**Independent Study Time:**

A successful English Language student will enjoy reading a range of non Fiction genres and be prepared to read independently for homework, prepare notes on sections studied and discuss findings in class. Collating support material from websites and study guides will help develop an understanding of the socio/historical contexts in which texts were produced.

**Progression and the Future:**

The English Language course provides students with a wide range of skills which will help to prepare them for progression into higher education. The course is also useful for a wide range of careers including: journalism, teaching and law.

**Subject Contacts:**

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**How to Apply:**

The Application Process begins in February of each year. Please contact Sarah Fisher, Sixth Form Administrator, for further information or to request an application form.

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For further information and to apply for this course:

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