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Are you interested in the power of language? Do you know how manipulative language can be? Perhaps you enjoy writing and want to develop your skills. English Language is about the analysis of texts as critical readers, aware of the writer behind every text. Central to this study is the issue of context: how do the circumstances in which a text is written affect its meaning? This awareness will make you a sophisticated reader of others' texts and a highly effective writer of your own.

Content and Assessment

Component 1: Language and Concepts 2 hours
Section A – Analysis of spoken language.
One question requiring analysis of at least two transcriptions.

Section B – Language Issues

One question from a choice of three based on the study of four topic areas

Component 2: Language Change Over Time
2 ¼ hours

Section A – Language change over time

One multi-part question and one essay question analysing language change over time

Section B – English in the Twenty-First Century

One question based on the ways language is used in the twenty-first century.

Component 3: Creative and Critical Use of Language 1 ¾ hours

One question, from a choice of two, requiring two original writing responses and one commentary - 80 marks

Component 4:

Language and Identity. Non-Examination assessment:

2500-3500 word language investigation based on the study and research of a topic related to language and identity

Teaching

The classes will involve a range of different teaching approaches. You will be asked to present your own research to the class and to take part in whole group and small group discussions. You will be required to work independently, completing your own research and collection of data. Some sessions will be led by students following your own investigative work. This course is about language; effective communication is developed as it is as vital as good writing

The Future

Effective speakers and skilled writers will always be in very high demand! This course develops these skills. Many universities offer courses linked to this A Level. English Studies is the most obvious, but the wide-reaching benefits of the subject make it a highly desirable A Level for many courses. Specific careers such as those in the media, such as journalism, or any communications based profession would require this qualification.



Independent Learning

Independent learning tasks in English Language

1. Read the editorial section of any broadsheet newspaper and make notes on the persuasive devices used by the writer. If you can compare this with a tabloid editorial on the same subject, all the better!	
2. Keep up your own reading to help with your own use of language. Reading novels will also provide you with awareness of the features of writing to entertain, which will be useful for your coursework.	
3. Read any articles, sections of books by Steven Pinker or David Crystal. The library stocks plenty. These are highly readable and will give you a background knowledge of this subject.	
4. Keep a diary. The discipline of writing every day will allow you to hone your skills.	
5. Read 'Private Eye' – the library has a subscription, and there are always several back copies on the shelves. This will give you an insight into genre and writing for purpose and audience; the articles often mix styles and content for comic effect. The writers also use language very cleverly. An excellent introduction into the skills of the writer.	
6. Read articles in 'The Daily Mail' and compare them with The Guardian - available in the library, and analyse them for use of language: how has the writer of the article used language to promote a certain point of view or perspective?	
7. Go on the British Library website. Once you're on the home page, select 'Learning. Follow the links to many articles and features about English language, especially sections on accent and dialect as background for your exam.	
8. Consult the English language section of the library to find articles and books on Language and Technology; David Crystal's books are particularly good.	