Course title: English Language AQA (Block B)

Academic year:	2024
Course Venues:	King Edwards VI
Course Type:	A level
Course Code:	12BKeEN1
Duration:	2 years

Course Content:

Unit 1:
Textual variations and representations. You will learn how to analyse a variety of texts and be able to see how language is represented in various contexts. You will understand how writers try and influence their audience as well as informing, entertaining and persuading them. You will look at how gender technology and power influence language production.
You will also look at Language Acquisition and child language development (0-11 years old).

Unit 2:
Language diversity and change. You will study how language has changed, what are the reasons the reasons for change, and how modern English continues to change.
Language discourses. You will study the various debates around language change.
Methods of language analysis are an essential component of both Unit 1 and Unit 2.

Entry requirements: The standard entry criteria to study in the sixth form is 9-4 in at least seven different subjects, including English and mathematics, which would usually be at grade 4 or above (equivalent to grade C in previous years).

You are required to achieve at least a grade 6 at GCSE to study English Language. You must enjoy analysis and discussion of texts and be prepared to do LOTS of independent wider reading.

Assessment: The non -examination unit consists of language investigation and a piece of original writing of 3,500 words in length which is marked internally and moderated by AQA. You will choose data to analyse and then you will choose a topic for your piece of original writing.

There are two examinations at the end of A level.

Financial Information: Students will be asked to buy copies of texts and revision guides, and visits make take place during the course.

Future opportunities: Media; journalism; teaching; communications; editing; publishing; law; personnel; training.

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