

Course title: English Language AQA

Academic year:	2026
Course Venue:	King Edwards VI
Course Type:	A level
Duration:	2 years

Course Content:

Paper 1: Language, the Individual and Society

A 2.5 hour written examination (worth 40%) that explores:

- Textual variation and representations
- Children's language development (0-11 years)
- Methods of language analysis

Paper 2: Language Diversity and Change

A 2.5 hour examination (worth 40%) that explores:

- Diversity and change: looking at how language is used in different areas of society by different groups of people;
- Language Discourses: exploring how texts use language to present ideas, attitudes and opinions

Non-Examined Assessment (NEA): Language and Identity

This unit consists of a 2500-3500 word folder (80 marks) of work that you will complete in class and during your own time. It is worth 20% of the qualification.

The component gives opportunities for learners to select an aspect of study that interests them from a given list, related to the theme of language and identity.

Learners are required to independently conduct a language investigation, to develop their methods of language analysis through research, data collection and interpretation and to select material that is culturally, personally and academically of interest to them.

Entry requirements: The standard entry criteria to study in the sixth form is Grades 9-4 in at least seven different subjects, including English and Mathematics, which would usually be at Grade 4 or above.

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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