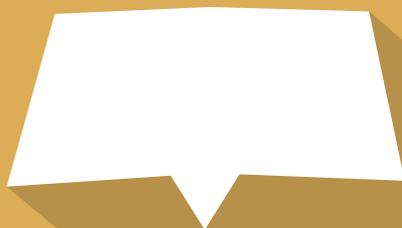


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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

A-LEVEL

2019-2020

English Language A Level

Studying English Language at Northgate will allow you to see your own language in a completely different light. It is a course of discovery and realisation tailored to stimulate thinking and inspire budding linguists. For any further information please feel free to contact the English Department.

Reasons for studying A Level English Language:

you want to study language and linguistics possibly as a degree subject

you want to study English Language with some vocational references e.g. journalism, publishing, etc.

Are you a suitable candidate?

Yes, if

- you are interested in language – its development, structure, variations and functions
- you enjoy analysing language and rewriting texts for different audiences and purposes
- you can organise and present information clearly, using spelling, punctuation and grammar accurately
- you have an interest in people and their society and culture - English Language calls on other disciplines such as sociology, psychology, anthropology and literary criticism
- you are intelligent and highly motivated – English Language is a very demanding subject
- you can achieve at least a Level 6 in GCSE English

The Specification (AQA)

The underlying principle of the specification is to offer students the opportunity to develop their subject expertise by engaging creatively and critically with a wide range of texts and discourses; to see how language can be a tool for both expression and social connection and to understand how language can be a symbolic system used to assert power in society.

Subject Content

Paper 1 of the A Level English Language course covers textual variation, representation and methods of language analysis. You will study both written and spoken texts, and consider aspects such as genre, audience and purpose. You will look at how language constructs and conveys ideas about the world around you, and you will learn how to analyse the impact of language choices. You will also study how young children acquire language.

Paper 2 will look at how language differs according to aspects such as geographical setting, occupation, social class, language change and world English. You will consider people's attitudes to different uses of language, and you will be asked to produce a piece of opinion writing on a relevant language topic.

You will undertake a coursework unit, involving both creative writing and investigative skills.

A Level

Examined paper on Language, the Individual and Society

Examined paper on Language Diversity and Change

Coursework unit – a Language Investigation and a piece of Original Writing with an accompanying Commentary.

Assessment

Two written exams – 80%

Language, the Individual and Society (40%)

Language Diversity and Change (40%)

Coursework – 20%

Language Investigation (10%)

Creative Writing and Commentary (10%)

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