



## English Language

<b>Head of Department :</b>	Mrs C Reeve	<b>Exam Board :</b>	AQA(B)	<b>Level:</b>	A
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### **Course Outline:**

The English Language A Level will first teach students how to analyse everyday written and spoken language in detail, using the linguistic methods: Lexis & Semantics, Discourse Structure, Grammar & Syntax, Graphology, Phonology and Pragmatics. Students will learn about the ways in which language varies across regions, occupations and other social groups. They will also develop their own skills as writers, producing non-fiction articles.

Later on in the course, A Level students will discover how the English language has changed over time. They will also study the ways in which children acquire language.

Students will also be required to independently investigate a language topic which in which they have developed a particular interest.

### **Method of Assessment:**

A Level English Language will be assessed in two 150-minute exams and one coursework module. In the first exam, students will be asked to analyse and compare two texts before writing about children's language development; in the second, they will write about language diversity and language change. The coursework is comprised of a 2,000 word language investigation and a piece of original writing, accompanied by a commentary.