

WGSB6 A Level Options

English Language FAQ Information Sheet



Which exam board and courses are studied at A Level?

AQA

Paper 1: Language, the individual and society

Paper 2: Language Change and Diversity

What skills will studying English Language equip me with?

- Research methods
- Critical thinking and analysis
- Verbal and presentation skills
- Constructing arguments
- Participating in and leading discussions
- Essay writing and creative writing
- Creative thinking and problem solving

Do I need a specific grade at GCSE to access A level?

Grade 6.

How is the course structured and how will it be taught?

The course is structured as below:

Year 12:

Autumn Term 1 and 2: Meaning and Representations and Language and Power

Spring Term 1 and 2: Accent and Dialect, Global English and Language and Gender

Summer Term 1 and 2: Article writing, Children's Spoken Language Acquisition and NEA Original Writing Coursework

Year 13:

Autumn Term 1 and 2: Children's Written Language Acquisition and NEA Language Investigation Coursework

Spring 1 and 2: Language Change and revision for external exams

There will be one mock exam in Year 12 and one in Year 13.

Is there a coursework component?

There are two coursework components that equate to 20% of overall exam mark:

- **Original Writing** – this is the opportunity for you to create your own piece of writing which could be a short story, a news article, a script, etc. This is worth 10% of your overall exam mark.
- **Language Investigation** – this is the opportunity for you to investigate language change or diversity e.g. differences in gender, accents, dialects, how language has changed over time, etc. This is worth 10% of your overall exam mark.

Who teaches the course?

Both Miss Malcomson and Mrs Doyle



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How is the course resourced?

The course will typically be taught via PowerPoints. Students will have access to these PPTs on Teams. Revision PPTs will also be provided in preparation for mock and external exams. Students will also be expected to bring a folder into each lesson as some resources will be printed for students to use within lessons. Students are also able to complete further research beyond the classroom; a list of relevant books can be provided on request.

How well do students achieve in English Language?

English Language always achieves 95% A*- C.

Will I need to do a lot of independent study?

You will be expected to complete independent tasks such as essay writing, producing your own PPTs to present, reading and researching and revision.

What are typical A level subject choices alongside English Language?

- History
- Business
- Psychology
- Economics

Do I need to take another subject to support my study of English Language?

No.

How might English Language help me in my next steps / university / career planning?

English Language will help you in any aspect of life. English is the most powerful language spoken globally and therefore; it is sought after in lots of different occupations. English Language helps you to develop your essay writing skills, research skills and your critical thinking skills; these skills will help you in any future university course that you decide to pursue. Gaining an English Language A level will also help you if you decide to pursue further education/ occupations globally because of its global reach.

Jobs directly related to your qualification:

- Journalist
- Digital Copywriter
- Editorial Assistant
- English Teacher
- English as a foreign language teacher
- Publishing Copyeditor
- Web Content Manager
- Writer



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- Forensic Linguistics
- Public Relations
- And many more

