

ENGLISH LANGUAGE (AQA Specification A)

What do I learn?

- You develop confidence and fluency in using and discussing vocabulary, grammar, sentence structures and text types. You become an authority amongst your social group on how to use language accurately and effectively.
- You learn how language has changed through history and how it varies across the world. This includes those fascinating facts about where words come from and what their Greek and Latin roots mean – the kind of knowledge that you can drop into a conversation and gain instant respect for your intellect!
- You learn to sharpen your creative writing skills so that you can imply ideas subliminally and encourage or discourage attitudes in your readers.

What future does it give me?

- You get credibility on your CV by having a qualification that is traditional and well-understood by employers and universities.
- You get technical competence with language that opens doors to everything. If you can think of a job where you don't need to speak, listen, read or write well, then you have thought of a job that you wouldn't want anyway.
- You get language skills that make all other learning easier, especially for handling the complex language demands of university courses. Study of foreign languages especially is much easier with a technical command of your own language.

Is it for me?

- You will have C grade GCSE English?
- You like getting technical about words and grammar?
- You enjoy creative writing?
- You like to have "impressive" knowledge?
- You like a course with a semi-scientific approach?
- You are interested exploring how stereotypes are made and how they can be broken?

What would I have to do in Y12?

- One coursework task exploring how texts create attitudes (20%)
- One coursework task of creative writing (20%)
- One exam (2 hours) with two essay questions (60%):
 - One question on analysing the language in an unseen text;
 - One question on how children learn language.

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