

# English Language

**Exam Board**

AQA

**Qualification**

GCE A-Level English Language

**Entry Requirements**

Grade 6 in English Language

**Content (Outline of Course)**

Year 12:  
Language and the individual  
Language varieties

Year 13:  
Language, the individual and society  
Language diversity and change  
Language investigation  
Original writing

**Assessment**

A-Level

Paper 1: Language, the individual and society – Textual variations and representations and children's language development  
*40% of A-Level*

Paper 2: Language diversity and change – Diversity and change and language discourses  
*40% of A-Level*

Non-exam assessment: Language investigation and original writing  
*20% of A-Level*

**Careers Guidance**

Students with English Language as a qualification often progress to higher education. It is suited to disciplines where communication skills, in both speech and writing, are paramount. Students who have followed a career path soon after A-Levels have gone into areas as diverse as the Police Force, Navy, Banking and Professional Sport.

Progression routes include teaching/working with young children; reading, writing, speaking and listening are central to any child's learning. Primary or secondary teaching is rewarding. Section B of Paper 1 (A-Level English Language) in particular helps to prepare those looking to work with young children. The non-exam assessed responses directly develop writing skills and serve as an excellent introduction to journalism. The ability to read carefully, assimilate information quickly and exercise judgement wisely also makes Law a natural course to take. The ability to assess and evaluate speech also aids students in their progression towards this discipline.