

KS5 Y12 and 13

KS5 A Level English Language

At KS5 students will study a two year programme and complete the AQA English Language A Level examination at the end of the two years.

Throughout the course students will study a wide range of non-fiction media texts and examine these using different language frameworks. Through analysis they will explore how genre, audience and purpose shape language.

Throughout the two year programme, students will explore aspects of language diversity to look at the impact of gender, age, occupation and region on language use. They will also study how babies and children develop spoken and written language as well as investigating how language has developed and changed over time.

Two pieces of written coursework will be submitted. The first piece is a creative text with a written commentary explaining the stylistic choices. The second piece is a small scale research project using linguistic data.

KS5 A Level English Literature

At KS5 students will study a two year programme and complete the AQA English Literature A Level examination at the end of the two years.

Students will study the genre of Tragedy in the first year exploring a Shakespearean play (*King Lear* or *Othello*), a selection of Keats' poetry plus the more contemporary Arthur Miller play *Death of a Salesman*.

In the second year, students will study Crime fiction. This will include the contemporary novels *Atonement*, *Brighton Rock*/ *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* and the narrative poem *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*.

Two pieces of written coursework will be submitted. These are both 1250-1500 words in length; one is based on a poem and one is based on a novel. Students will be required to complete further and independent study for this component of the course, having a degree of choice and flexibility in the texts they read.