

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE

## Which Exam Board and Specification?

AQA 7702

A study of the linguistic make-up of English, of how our language is used and what it tells us about our society, culture and mind in the past, present and possibly future.

## You learn:

A new vocabulary to talk about English alongside new rigorous method of analysis and a new way of looking at language diversity and society.

## What do we expect?

You need to have a commitment to developing new skills in research and analysis with an interest in investigation rather than the more conventional methods of reading and writing. We expect you to Show a curiosity about language in society as well as having a creativity and independent approach to your studies.

## Assessment

The course is assessed through 80% examination and 20% coursework

## Coursework – Language in Action

Original Writing, based upon a style model and supported by a commentary on your own work. Investigation: choose your own area of Language to research and investigate.

## Examination Assessment

Examination assessment is through a combination of three things: analysis of unseen data; discursive writing on one of the areas of language study and the writing of an

opinion article on an aspect of Language in society.

## Examination One – Language, the Individual and Society

Language Varieties: exploring the different ways language is used by different groups.

Language Acquisition: how children learn to talk, read and write.

## Examination Two – Language Diversity and Change

Examines how language has changed over time and how English differs around the world and why.

## Where will it take me?

An A Level in either English Literature or English Language can lead to a wide variety of courses and careers. Obviously, it is a strong step towards Law or Journalism, Publishing or the Creative Industries, but could just as easily take you into Research and Consultancy, Public Services or any area of Management.

**Exam Board:** AQA

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20% Coursework



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