



English Language

A Level

Topics Studied

Language and representation
Varieties of language
Child language acquisition
Language change
World Englishes
Languages and diversity:
gender, age, social class and
occupation

Entry Requirements

Minimum 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 or above
Including at least grade 5 in English

Course Description

Using language effectively and persuasively can get you far in life – just ask the President of the United States of America. If you have ever wondered how we are persuaded to make decisions or perform actions and want to understand how language works then English Language will help provide answers.

You will study how languages are born, how they develop and sometimes how they die. As part of the course you will also explore the fascinating process of language development and how we acquire the ability to talk, read and write. Accents and dialects and how they are judged and can affect our life chances is another important area of investigation.

You will also discover some of the important theories that help to explain how language use is connected to gender and power. If you enjoy producing original writing, as well as exploring how others use language, there is an opportunity to do this as part of the coursework.

"English Language has allowed me to think more broadly about how I speak and why I say the words that I do in the way that I do, and how it differs from others. I've really enjoyed learning about how children acquire language and how different environments can change their development."

Kitty, previously St Edmunds Girls School



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