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Welcome to A level English Language

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Why study English Language?

English Language A level allows you to study how and why we communicate effectively and how vital language is in our everyday lives. Our exam board, AQA, offers opportunities for students to develop their subject knowledge by exploring key language concepts and engaging with a wide range of different texts – spoken, written and online. The specification explores the study of English language both as a medium of communication, as a topic in its own right, with an emphasis on the ability of students to explore existing research, analyse texts produced by others, and debate different views.

**AQA English
Language - linear
A level course**

What is the course like?

There are 2 exams at the end of Year 13

Paper 1 - Language, the individual and society - 40%

Paper 2 - Language diversity and change - 40%

There are also 2 pieces of NEA work - a Language Investigation project (2000 words) and a piece of your own original writing plus a commentary on the writing process (1500 words) - this is worth 20% in total.

What Topics will I study?

- Language and power - political speeches, advertising
- Language and Gender - do men and women use language differently?
- Different occupations and the language they use e.g medicine, education, the law
- The differences between spoken and written language
- Language and social groups
- Teenage slang and how it's changed over the years
- Child Language Acquisition - birth to 4 years old
- How and why English has evolved
- How children learn to read and write
- Regional dialects and accents
- How conversations 'work'

What are lessons like?

Our lesson activities involve thinking about your own language use or analysing the language use of others through watching videos or looking at language data.


We aim to have active, engaging lessons with lots of pair and group work and lots of lively class discussion and debate.

Texts we analyse tend to be short and taken from the real world rather than longer, literary texts. They include written and spoken language.

Texts from different times



BUY
A
CAKE
THIS
WEEKEND
FROM
SAINSBURY'S



SCOTCH BEEF
from the
BALMORAL FARMS
of
H.M. The KING

The entire consignment of Prime Cattle from
Abergeldie Mains, Balmoral, sent to the Aberdeen
Christmas Fat Stock Sale

IS COMING TO

SAINSBURY'S

and will be on sale at their branches during the
Xmas Shopping week. It will be offered in joints of
10 lbs. and upwards at the USUAL LIST PRICES

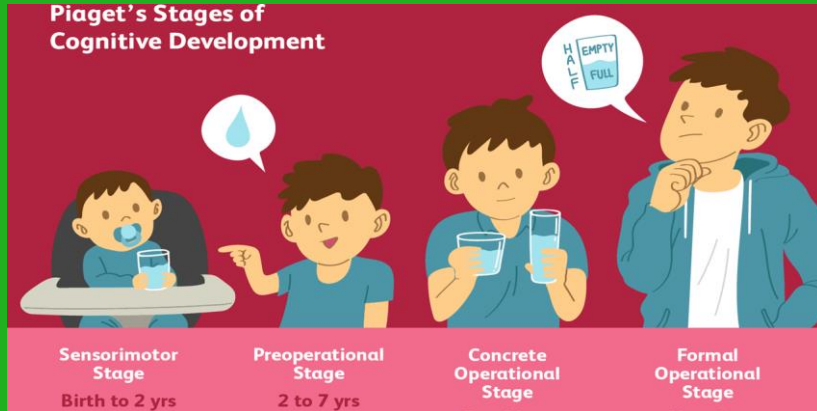
We strongly recommend our customers, who
will appreciate a joint from this famous Aberdeen-
Angus Beef, to place their orders early, as the
quantity is naturally limited

*N.B.—Remember that Scotch Beef from His Majesty's farms
can be purchased this Christmas ONLY at*

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Child Language Acquisition



Language and Gender



Language and Power



What other subjects complement English Language A level ?

- Media Studies
- Sociology or Psychology
- Applied Science or Health and Social Care
- Politics
- History
- English Literature
- MFL
- Philosophy
- ICT
- Business Studies
- Drama

Further study or possible career paths

- Education - teaching or early childhood studies
- Sociology
- Psychology
- Linguistics
- Public relations or advertising
- Marketing
- HR
- Journalism or social media
- Health especially speech therapy
- IT careers - website design

Any course or career requiring strong communication skills and a good understanding of people..

What skills do I need?

- An interest in human behaviour, society and the way language and communication is a key part of modern life
- An interest in why and how language is constantly changing and evolving
- Good literacy skills
- Ability to debate complex issues without a clear right or wrong answer
- Analytical and evaluative skills

Questions or more information

For further information or to ask specific, individual questions, please speak to me or Miss Curtis at school.

There is more information on the course available in the Sixth Form Prospectus.