

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

GCE A Level English Language

Course: AQA A Level Language 7702

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Course Features

Language, the individual and society:

Students study a range of texts, transcripts and data.

They apply key terms and theories to explain how and why language is being used in the following areas:

Textual variations and representations and Children's Language Development

How are people and issues, such as teenagers or footballers, represented in texts? Why?

Nature or nurture? How do children become literate and learn to speak? Learn how to understand what lies beneath the messages we see in everyday life.

Language diversity and change

Do men and women speak differently? Why? What is accentism and how does it discriminate against people? How has English evolved and how do new words enter our lexicon? Is British English superior to international versions of English? Study the language of gender, region, occupation and ethnicity in this fascinating course.

Language in action (Non- exam assessment):

Students choose an area of language to conduct their own investigation, using a hypothesis which they explore through using and analysing data and evaluating the implications of the language use they discover.

Students also produce a piece of original writing – a creative piece where they craft a piece of writing to convey the power of storytelling, persuasion or information. This piece is accompanied by a commentary which explains the use of some of the language features and explores the process of the production.

Assessment

Paper 1: Language, the individual and society 40 % of A Level

Section A

Two texts (one contemporary and one older text) linked by topic or theme

Section B

A discursive essay on children's language development.

Paper 2: Language diversity and change 40 % of A Level

Section A

Evaluative essay from a choice of two on diversity and change

Section B

Analysis of two linked texts and directed creative writing task

Non-exam assessment 20% of A level

Students produce

- A language investigation (2,000 words excluding data)

A piece of original writing with commentary.



Entry requirements:

Minimum of grade 6/7 at GCSE English

