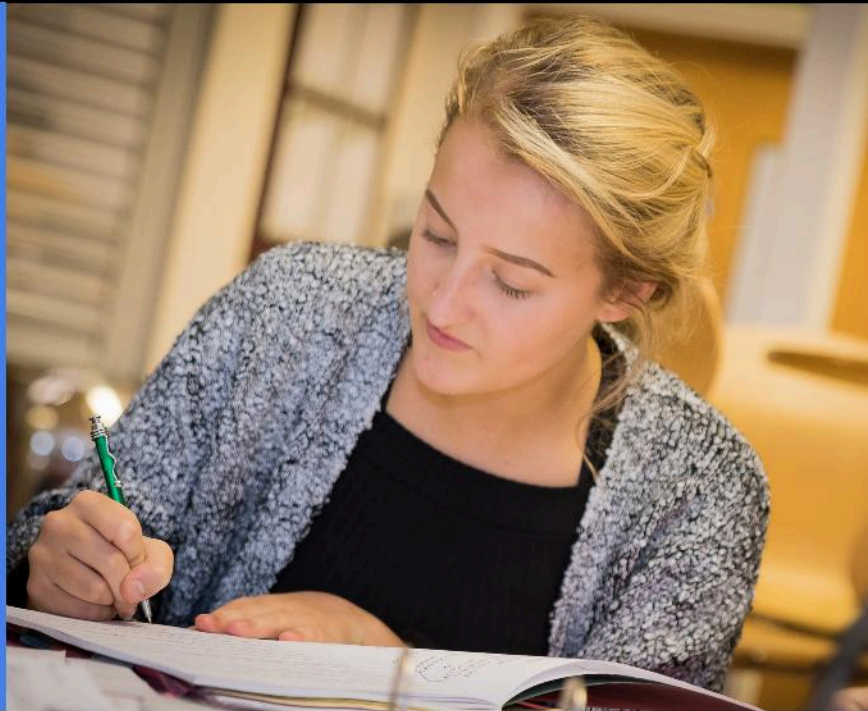


ENGLISH LANGUAGE AS/A2

CAREER POSSIBILITIES

The demands of the English Language A level means that students will have acute communication skills, adapting their linguistic choices to suit audience and purpose. These skills will be of use in fields such as journalism, publishing and clerical service.

Further to this, the opportunity to explore language change and language acquisition would provide students with knowledge that could be applied to a teaching qualification.



THE PROGRAMME

The A-level English Language specification offers opportunities for students to develop their subject expertise by engaging creatively and critically with a wide range of texts and discourses. Students will create texts and reflect critically on their own processes of production, while analysing the texts produced by others.

The specification explores the study of English language, both as a medium of communication and as a topic in its own right, with an emphasis on the ability of students to pursue lines of enquiry, debate different views, and work independently to research aspects of language in use. Language is seen as a creative tool for expression and social connection, as well as for individual cognition.

During the course students will explore 'Language, the individual and society' which focuses on individual and immediate social contexts for language. This area of study introduces students to methods of language analysis to explore concepts of audience, purpose, genre, mode and representation. It also introduces students to the study of children's language development, exploring how children learn language and how they are able to understand and express themselves through language. A further area of study on the course is 'Language diversity and change'. Students will study the key concepts of audience, purpose, genre and mode and will explore language in its wider social, geographical and temporal contexts.

WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

The course makes use of a variety of assessment styles such as data analysis, discursive essays, creative writing and research-based investigative writing. Due to this breadth, students are able to develop a wide range of skills such as critical reading, data analysis, evaluation, the ability to develop and sustain arguments and a number of different writing skills, which are invaluable for both further study and future employment. The multi faceted nature of the course enables students to apply these skills to other curriculum areas such as, history, philosophy and ethics and English Literature.