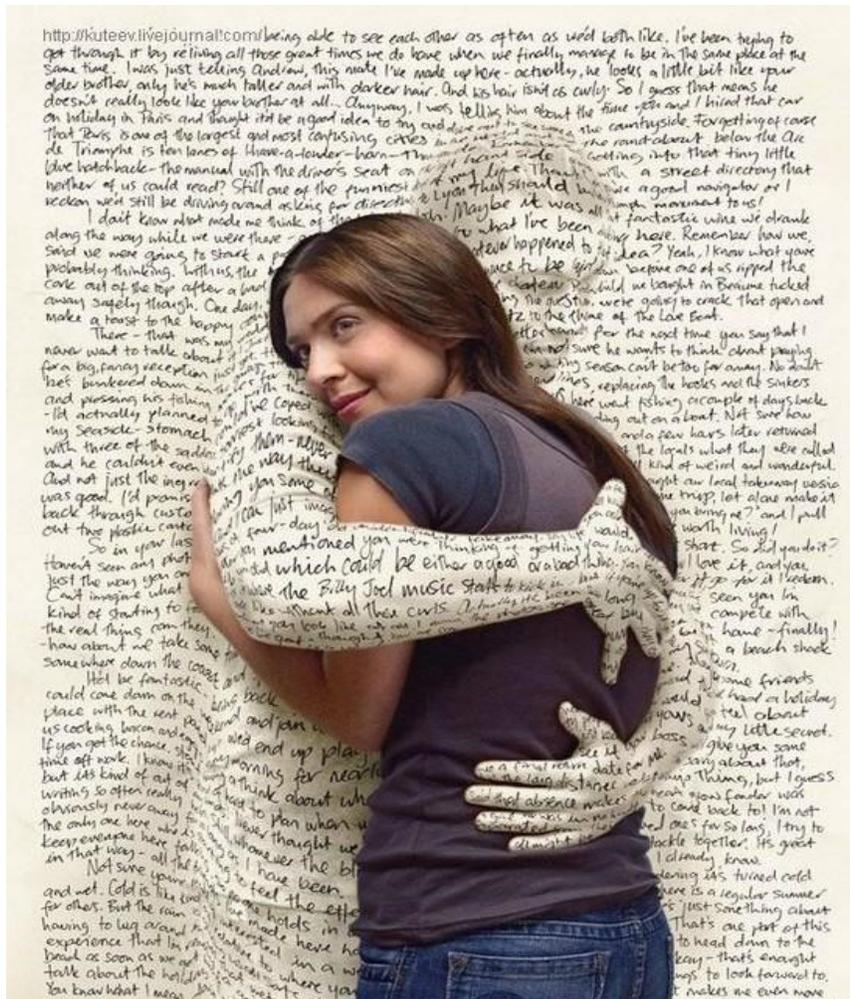




ENGLISH LANGUAGE

A Level Subject Information



English Language A level

Examining Board AQA - AS and A Level

Specification: AQA English Language

Do women speak differently to men? Do men speak more than women? How are new technologies affecting the way we write and speak? How can language be used to exert power? How can language be used to persuade?

How did you first learn to speak? Where did the language you speak come from? Where is the language you speak going? How did you learn to read? What exactly is "reading"? Does it matter if you don't "speak proper"?

These and many other questions are raised and discussed on this course. We study language from all walks of life and from all times. From a Mars Bar wrapper to a sixteenth century recipe, and from your last text message to subway graffiti, we study them all.

We achieve excellent results and English Language has a number of useful applications for a range of careers.

You will discover more about your own language and learn to use it more effectively.

Good ways to be ready for this subject and find out if you're suited to it?

- Read some online articles about attitudes towards accent, dialect and language in general.
- Go to <http://englishlangsfx.blogspot.com/> to find a host of articles and links to other language sites

English Language Advanced Level

At NHGS we study the new AQA English Language A-Level

A-Level

Component 1: Language, the Individual and Society 40% Exam

Looks at how texts vary and how different people and ideas are represented. We also explore how children acquire language.

Component 2: Language Diversity and Change 40% Exam

Considers how language changes and develops over time, as well as regional and social variations in language use and attitudes to language.

Component 3: Investigation and Original Writing 20% Non-exam assessment

Students carry out their own investigation into an area of interest and produce their own original writing.