English Language

AQA

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Entry Requirements

NHGS Sixth Form entry requirements.

Aims of the Course

The aim of this area of study is to allow students to explore and analyse the history and variety of the English language independently and develop and reflect upon their own writing expertise.

Course structure and content

Language Varieties, Child Language Development, Language and Representations, and Language Change.

Theme 1 - Language and Representations

Students should study a range of texts: from various writers and speakers, for various audiences and purposes, in a variety of genres. They consider how these representations reflect society.

Theme 2 - Child Language Development

Students learn how children acquire language and then go on to learn to read and write. They understand varying theories and evaluate them.

Theme 3 - Language Varieties

Language and Gender, Accent and Dialect, Global English, Language and Power are all studied. Students explore and debate a range of perspectives and respond critically and creatively.

Theme 4 - Language Change

How English first emerged and then evolved into its current shape is studied, alongside varying perspectives on its development.

Assessment

At the end of the Lower 6th, students sit an exam on all of the Lower 6th content. This does not count towards the final grade, but assesses the content at this half-way point before progression to the Upper 6th.

The final assessments at the end of the Upper 6th are as below:

Assessment 1 - 40% 2 hours 30 minutes written paper on Themes 1 and 2 (100 marks).

Assessment 2 - 40% 2 hours 30 minutes written paper based on Themes 1, 3 and 4 (100 marks).

Assessment 3 - 20% Non-exam Assessment based on research and writing to produce an investigation. A piece of original writing in a genre of the students' choice (100 marks).

Future career opportunities

The versatility that an A Level in English Language offers students, allied to the esteem in which it is held by universities and prospective employers, makes the subject ideal for those embarking on most career pathways.

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