



Woolwich Polytechnic
Sixth Form

English Language A Level

Through exploring language, I have been able to understand how language can be used to assert power, demonstrate professionalism and be adapted to meet different contexts. I now think more carefully about the language I use.

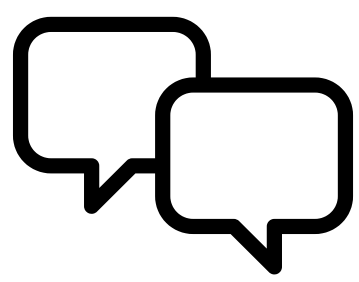
Year 13 student

English Language is different to the subject you have studied in the lower school in many ways. It mixes the creativity of writing and Literature with the science of how we learn to speak. It will help you to understand specialist forms of language – such as that used in the workplace or with technology - together with the psychological and sociological influences on the way we communicate.

It develops your critical awareness and the kind of analytical skills many employers and universities value. It will help you to understand the way meaning is shaped in the world around us, leaving you able to use this understanding to make the world a more equal and just place.

How will I learn?

- Exploration of language data
- Lectures and online seminars
- Critical theory
- Group readings and analysis
- Timed essays
- Presentations
- Wider reading
- Analysing your own language use



Course Content:

Paper 1:

Section A - Textual Variations and Representations:

Two texts (one contemporary and one older text) linked by topic or theme. 3 questions based on these two texts.

Section B - Children's Language Development:

A discursive essay on children's language development, with a choice of two questions where the data provided will focus on spoken, written or multimodal language (30 marks)

Paper 2:

Section A - Diversity and Change

One question from a choice of two:

Either: an evaluative essay on language diversity (30 marks)

Or: an evaluative essay on language change (30 marks)

Coursework: 20% of your awarded mark, comprising of a language investigation, creative writing piece and analysis of creative piece.

Entry Requirements

GCSE English Language Grade 6

Which awarding body is the course validated by?

AQA

What qualification will I receive?

A-Level qualification English Language

What can I do with this qualification?

Degrees in: Law, English Language, Media, History, Drama, Teaching, Journalism.

This subject works well with Film, Literature, History and sociology.

