

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE Advanced Level

**Qualification** Level 3 Advanced GCE in English Language

**Exam Board** AQA

**Course Specific Entry Requirements** Grade 5 or above in **both** GCSE English Language **and** GCSE English Literature

### Overview

Advanced Level English Language involves students in the study of a range of non-literary texts. You will develop new approaches to the ways in which texts are analysed, through the acquisition of a wide range of technical vocabulary. You will develop your ability to use the linguistic frameworks of pragmatics, lexis and semantics, grammar, phonology, discourse, phonology and graphology. You will study spoken language discourse and investigate how it differs from the written word. You will be assessed through two examinations at the end of the course. Through the non-examined assessment, you will learn to write in a range of forms and styles for different purposes. You will also produce an investigation on a language based topic.

### What will I learn?

- ▲ **Paper 1 Language, the Individual and Society:** you will learn the methods of language analysis which will allow you to analyse any text. You will learn how language is shaped according to audience, purpose, genre and mode and explore language in its wider social and geographical context. You will study varieties of English within the British Isles. You will also investigate whether language changes according to gender or social groups.
- ▲ **Paper 2 Language Diversity and Change:** you will study children's language development, exploring how children learn language and how they are able to express themselves through language. You will also study language change from the 1600s onwards.
- ▲ **Non-examined assessment Language in Action:** you will explore and analyse language independently and develop and reflect upon your own writing expertise. You will complete a language investigation (2,000 words excluding data) and a piece of original writing and a commentary (1500 words).

### How will I learn?

Lessons are designed to encourage active participation. Discussion and group or individual presentations are regular features. You will be expected to read around the topics studied in class and be prepared to present your ideas. English is a rich, dynamic and constantly evolving language and you will need to keep up to date with changes to the lexicon.

### Where could it lead?

English Language is a subject that demands flexible thinking skills and a fluent, sophisticated writing style. It is an asset in all areas of further study and employment, including law, journalism, medicine and education.