

| A Level English Language | Course content | Assessment |
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| Year 1 | <p>You will explore a wide range of written and spoken texts and develop your skills of analysing language used in the world around us.</p> <p>You will also learn about how factors such as age, gender and occupation influence the language we use.</p> <p>You will develop your original writing skills and learn to target different audiences and purposes.</p> | |
| Year 2 | <p>You will learn about how children develop their spoken and written language skills.</p> <p>You will study Language Change and learn about how and why language continues to evolve.</p> <p>You will undertake a Language Investigation based on a topic such as language and power or gender. You will collect and analyse your own data and develop your independent learning skills.</p> | <p>Three exams – 80% of A Level</p> <p>Coursework– 20% of A Level</p> |

Where are they now?

Lauren Devine is now studying English and History at the University of Leeds. She took a year out to be an Outdoor Instructor with Project Trust in South Africa, saying: "It made me a different person. It made me really interested in thinking outside of my own little bubble. I'm now involved in promoting Global Citizenship to young people in the UK and am interested in sustainable aid"

She said that the Child Language Acquisition topic that she studied in English Language A Level was really helpful in understanding how best to interact with children.

Learning outside the classroom

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One to one tutorials
 Lectures and talks
 Workshops with visiting writers
 Trips to places of linguistic interest e.g. British Library
 London residential
 Writing competitions
 Online resources
 Stretch and Challenge sessions
 Writers' groups-poetry anthology, short story anthology, open mic sessions
 Wide range of reviews/magazines/books available to borrow
 English blog

Study Support

We'll ensure that you're receiving all the help you need, for example you may benefit from working with a dyslexia tutor or you may simply need help with organising your file. Sometimes students just need a bit of extra help with structuring an essay, using quotations, or applying terminology.

Academic Challenge

If you're keen to continue with English you will receive help with choosing which university and which course is right for you. We'll support your development of interview skills, recommend (and lend!) books and inspire you with enrichment activities which will look great on your personal statement or CV. We keep in touch with students studying English at a whole range of universities, and enjoy passing on what we learn from them to you. Students also visit and give first-hand information about what study at different institutions is like.

From school pupil to Winstanley student

Most students have already achieved at least a grade B in this subject at GCSE. The main thing we want from you is a fascination for English in all its forms. For English Language this doesn't necessarily mean books, but it does mean a really wide range of non-fiction such as journalism, and spoken texts of all kinds. You'll need to be able to read independently, but you'll also need to be a keen writer-and be willing to learn to write 'to order'-as professional writers do!