

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Language is power, life and the instrument of culture, the instrument of domination and liberation.

English Language takes a different approach to the study of texts. You will study how language is used in the real world, for a whole range of differing audiences and purposes. How do those in power use language in order to control others? How is technology affecting the ways in which we communicate? How does gender influence the way we speak to each other? Why has language use changed so much over the past three hundred years? How do children learn to speak, read and write English? This course will equip you with the same skills as English Literature, without the need to read long novels! Also, you will learn a lot of really fascinating stuff, including the theories of Noam Chomsky, the greatest living intellectual!

English Language A level

Students will:

- Develop the ability to show linguistic analysis of authentic texts in both the spoken and written mode.
- Produce original writing for a real-world purpose on a topical language issue.
- Analyse issues relating to language and gender or language and power and how these influence particular authentic, unseen texts

In year 13 you will:

- study how children acquire language and how language changes over time.
- You can also develop your particular interest in English Language by completing a Language investigation on a topic of your choice.