

A Level English Language

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? These are fascinating and very open-ended questions, and tie into current debates about power and social change in very interesting ways.

The Course Overview

The exam board is **OCR**. The English Language course is split into 3 sections:

Paper 1	Paper 2	NEA - Coursework
Exploring Language: Language under the Microscope Topical Language Issues Comparing and contrasting texts.	Dimensions of Linguistic Variation: Child language acquisition Language in the media Language change	Independent language research.

Why Study English Language at Tallis?

You will be taught by an experienced and enthusiastic team of English teachers who are passionate about engaging you in a new way of looking at language.

We also offer a KS5 book club if you want to read further. We have great links with universities in the local area – and we run a specific optional course for students preparing to make an application to study English at university. We run trips to the British Library to hear from expert speakers and to engage with contemporary critical debates in linguistics.

English Language A Level at Tallis will give you the platform to engage in three separate research projects where you can explore your own areas of interest.

Student Voice:

Definitely not the same as GCSE! English Language is an interesting subject that allows you to study English like a social science.

I enjoy learning about English Language because it is interesting to learn about the mind and how language is developed in children.

I really enjoy English language as it is completely different to anything I've studied before.

English language is great because it's interdisciplinary so it can take you in any direction you want it to.