



AS / A2 English Language (Level 3)

WHY TAKE THIS COURSE?

If you think you may enjoy a course which involves the study of the different ways people use language, how society views its use and how language has developed, then this may be the course for you. In addition, you will develop a wide variety of skills that are highly regarded both by employers and universities, and which will complement many of the other courses at Priestley.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

At AS, you will study grammar and different varieties of spoken and written language. You will develop the skills to analyse a range of texts and learn how to write in a variety of literary genres. You will produce a 3000-word coursework folder containing a piece of original writing with commentary and an investigation into spoken language of the media. If you decide to continue to A2, you will study varieties of English, the history of English, language change, spoken language, and learn how to write in a variety of non-literary genres. You will produce a 4000-word coursework folder containing non-literary writing and an independent investigation into an area of language study.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

40% Coursework, 60% Examination for both AS and A2 courses.

WHAT SKILLS AND SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS DO I NEED?

You will need at least a grade C in GCSE English Language.

AS English Language is very different to GCSE English; you must be prepared to learn a wide range of linguistic terminology, to learn about English grammar, and how to analyse language usage in both speech and writing. You will need to write essays and develop the skills to express your ideas clearly and logically. You will develop oral communication skills through discussion and formal presentations. You will also develop independent research skills using the internet, Virtual Learning Environment and Learning Resource Centre.

WHAT CAN I DO NEXT?

English Language prepares you for careers, such as, publishing, public relations, marketing, journalism, media, management, the legal profession, teaching and many others. It is also ideal preparation for a host of degree courses.

PRIESTLEY EXTRA

Studying English Language will give you opportunities to attend conferences, and join us on residential visits. You can also join the Creative Writing Group and College Magazine.