



English Language A level

Studying English Language at Lipson provides you with a natural progression from your GCSE study of English and encourages you to develop your interest in and appreciation of English, through learning about its structures and its functions, its developments and its variations. The course allows you to develop your ability to express yourself in speech and writing, producing texts for different audiences, purposes and in different genres. In Year 12 the course focuses on written and spoken language and different contexts of language, looking in particular at gender and power. There is also an element of original writing based on a topical language issue, which is assessed by an internal exam in Year 12, with an external exam in Year 13. Topics in Year 13 are child language acquisition, language in the media and language variety and change over time. The A Level exam will test original writing; and there is a coursework element at A Level – independent language research – an investigation into an area of language and a linked production of an academic poster.

What will you study?

This A Level is a two year option with all of your formal assessments taking place at the end of the second year. The assessments are detailed below.

Paper 1: Language, the individual and society

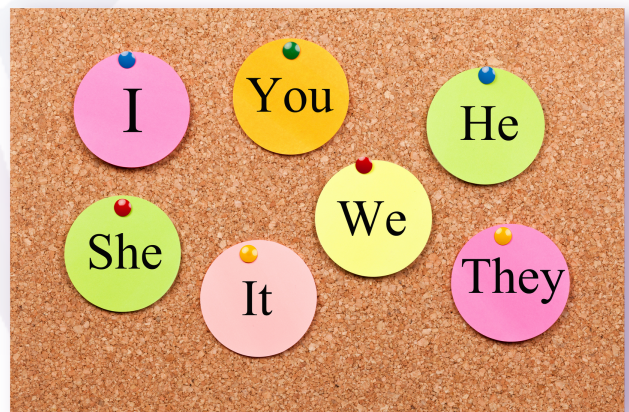
- Textual variations and representations
- Children's language development (0-11 years)
- Methods of language analysis are integrated into the activities

Paper 2: Language diversity and change

- Language diversity and change
- Language discourses
- Writing skills

Coursework Assessment

- Language Investigation
- Original Writing



Where could this take you?

English Language is a flexible and adaptable subject so future career opportunities are extensive. The subject combines well with many others in both the Arts and Sciences, and is particularly suited to Modern Foreign Language combinations, Sociology and Psychology. University Admission Tutors and employers look favourably upon students who have studied A Level English Language, knowing they will have good oral and written communication ability and have developed useful skills of analysis and interpretation. Careers which can be entered with an English A level or an English degree are many and varied and include Public Relations, management, research, consultancy, publishing, medicine, teaching, journalism, law, media and advertising.

Entry Requirements

- GCSE grade 6 or above in English Language
- 5 GCSEs at Level 5 or above