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Subject Guides



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Introduction

The English Language A-level course will feature textual analysis, child language acquisition, language variation and change, differing attitudes to language and creative and investigative work. The grade requirements for this subject is Grade 5 in both English Language GCSE and English Literature GCSE.

What You Will Learn

Studying A-level English language will develop an understanding of, and the ability to apply, the language levels that underpin the course. The language levels are:

- Phonetics, phonology and prosodics: how speech sounds and the analysis of the effects.
- Lexis and semantics: the vocabulary of English, including historical, geographical, social and individual varieties of English.
- Grammar and morphology: the structural patterns and shapes of English at sentence, clause, phrase and word level.
- Pragmatics: how language is used in context.
- Discourse: extended stretches of communication occurring in different genres, modes and contexts.

Where It Can Lead To

The course would allow students to proceed to linguistic-based courses at degree level. The insights developed in the course would be useful in other areas of study, particularly Media Studies, Law and Modern Languages. Those who wish to proceed directly in to a career will find the subject useful, particularly in relation to work in journalism and the media.