

Notre Dame

Sixth Form

2 year A level Exam Board AQA

English Language

If you have >>

an average point score of 4.5 or above, calculated over your best 8 results. A minimum of a level 5 in English Language is essential.

You can >>

apply to enrol on the A level course. This course places a strong emphasis on analytical skills as well as writing for different purposes. Both of these skills are assessed by focusing on coursework and examinations.

This will mean >>

you will develop skills that you can use in a variety of different contexts. You will look at how men and women use language, how language can manipulate us, as well as how children learn language and where language comes from. You will also be given the opportunity to focus on your creative skills and you will write for different purposes and audiences.

This course will appeal to any student who >>

enjoyed English Language at GCSE and enjoys being creative with words.

You will >>

complete two exams at the end of year 2, and two pieces of coursework (one a language investigation and the other creative writing). There will be mocks and regular assessments using the assessment criteria to support your progress and prepare you for the final assessments, throughout the 2 year course.

Course Modules are >>

2 WRITTEN PAPERS

assessed externally by exam

Paper 1 - Language, the Individual and Society You will analyse one and compare two texts (contemporary and one older) linked by topic or theme. You will also have to write a discursive essay on children's language development.

Paper 2 - Language Diversity and Change You will write an evaluative essay on either diversity or change and analyse 2 texts on the topic followed by a directed writing task linked to the same topic.

COURSEWORK

Language in Action

A language investigation (2000 words) and a piece of original writing with commentary (1500 words).

With this subject you could >>

study journalism, law, speech therapy, and teaching, as well as many others. Many students find this course compliments the social sciences as it encourages us to understand the impact of language on others. English Language develops a strong analytical approach in all students and the ability to communicate effectively is essential. This is important for all careers.

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