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Exam Board

AQA A Level English Language

Where are they now?

Recent students of English Language at CRGS have gone on to study:

- American Literature with Creative Writing (UEA)
- Business Management (Edge Hill, Northumbria)
- English Language and Linguistics (Roehampton)
- English Language for Education (Manchester)
- English Language and Literature (Manchester)
- English Literature (Glasgow)
- French and Linguistics (Oxford)
- History (Newcastle)
- Law (Cambridge)
- Philosophy (Newcastle)
- Politics and International Relations (York)
- Teaching Primary (Manchester Metropolitan)
- TV/Radio Production (Salford)

Why study English Language?

English Language is a lively, relevant and engaging course with up-to-date content that reflects contemporary language study. Using exciting text and data-based sources of language, you will be introduced to the study of English in its various forms and contexts. The variety of assessment styles used, such as data analysis, discursive essays, directed writing, original writing and research-based investigative writing, allows you to develop a wide range of skills. These include critical reading, data analysis, evaluation, the ability to develop and sustain arguments and a number of different writing skills which are invaluable for both further study and future employment.

Course Outline

In Year 12, you will study:

- Textual Variations and Representations – You will analyse a variety of texts, including articles from magazines, newspapers, recipes, adverts... anything that has been written down! During this unit, the focus will be on developing your linguistic vocabulary and ability to analyse language texts in detail.
- Language Diversity – You will study the way in which our language is affected by things such as gender, ethnicity, occupation, status and region. You will also examine how the English Language has changed over time and how it continues to develop in modern society.
- Original Writing Investigation – You will begin the original writing non-exam assessment (coursework) during the Autumn term of Year 12.

In Year 13, you will continue to refer to elements of your work from Year 12, but you will also study:

- Children's Language Development – You will study how children acquire language and learn to speak. Study is supported with reference to a variety of linguistic theorists.

World Englishes – Making connections with diversity and change throughout.
- Language in Action Investigation – You will produce your own language investigation into a subject-related area of your choice.

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Assessment

At the end of Year 13, the marks available in your final A Level examinations will be distributed as follows:

- Paper 1: Language, the Individual and Society (Written Exam, 2 hrs 30 mins, 40% of A Level)
- Paper 2: Language Diversity and Change (Written Exam, 2 hrs 30 mins, 40% of A Level)
- Paper 3: Language in Action (Non Exam Assessment, 20% of A Level)

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Is any previous knowledge required to study this subject?

You should have GCSE English Language or English Literature at Grade 5 or above. You should enjoy analysing and thinking about language. You should also enjoy reading about language and writing.

Students are required to meet the General Entry Requirement of a minimum of 4 GCSEs at grade 6 with at least GCSE grade 4 in Maths.

What opportunities are there for Extended Learning?

The department has a library of materials, journals and resources which students are encouraged to use.

What facilities are there?

The Sixth Form Library is well-stocked and the department has an extensive range of texts and journals for English Language and Literature.

Exam Board Specification

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Notes:



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