

A-Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Opportunities.

- Writing competitions
- Visit to Liverpool Echo offices

Why study this course at Bellerive FCJ Sixth Form?

Are you interested in why certain people speak the way that they do? Have you ever noticed how men and women speak differently? Do you know what makes a good communicator? Are you sure you know your nouns from your verbs? If you would like to explore these questions and are eager to find out more, then this course should be on your list of A-Level considerations. However, like many A-Level subjects, English Language A-Level is very different from its GCSE counterpart. It is challenging at times and analysis is a major part of the course. You will encounter countless texts of a variety of different genres - and not only written data either.

You will be assessed through examination at A-Level. In addition, there are two pieces of non-exam assessment at A-Level in the form of an investigation and a creative writing piece. You will need to be prepared to work in a group and be motivated to work individually, and essentially you must be capable of meeting all deadlines. In return, you will gain a fascinating insight into how language works and how English varies due to gender, age, location and time. This is a prestigious A Level to have in your academic portfolio and opens a vast choice of university courses and employment opportunities.

How will I be assessed?

Paper 1: Language, the Individual and Society. 2 hours 30 minutes. 40% of qualification.

Section A: Textual Variations & Representation

Topics covered include how language is shaped according to audience, purpose, genre and mode.

Section B: Children's Language Development

The unit also explores how children's language develops; how children learn, understand and express themselves through language.

Paper 2: Language Diversity and Change. 2 hours 30 minutes. 40% of qualification

Section A: Diversity and Change

This unit explores language in its wider social and geographical context and studies, including how identity is constructed and attitudes to language diversity.

Section B: Language Discourses

Analysis of how language is used in texts to present attitudes, ideas and opinions. This section will also include directed writing tasks.

Non-Examination Assessment: Language in Action. 20% of qualification.

A language investigation into a chosen topic of interest and the production of a piece of original writing with accompanying commentary.



Career Opportunities

Many career opportunities are open to you with English Language such as Journalism, Media, Writer, Advertising Executive, PR Officer, Librarian, Law, Business and Education. This course will also enable you to progress onto a degree course in English related studies.

What have students said about this subject?

English Language has made me realise there is more than grammar in languages. It is fun. I love it and I've learnt a lot.'

'I liked learning about Child Language Acquisition.'

'English Language has helped with understanding my other A -levels when answering exam questions.'

'Studying English Language has allowed me to understand how it is used in everyday life and become more aware of society and their attitudes.'

'English Language is beneficial for everyday life and can also help in other subjects as it furthers understanding.'