What a prospective student needs to know about this course

The key skills and components of the subject

- Fundamentals of grammar
- Analysis of non-fiction texts—both spoken and written
- The impact of society/individual on language
- Individual research project, involving the transcription and analysis of collected data
- Language Change and Child Language Acquisition
- Original ‘editorial-style’ creative writing differentiated by audience, purpose and genre

Examination Results Summer 2019

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Within all the classes there is a varied mix of students, lively debate and an onus upon independent study and researching areas of interest. Students will be expected to read widely and collect research materials.

In English Language, students have the opportunity to write creatively as well as analytically, though the emphasis is on the latter.

This subject challenges students to understand the components of language, apply theories to transcripts and develop a rigorous scientific approach to essay writing. Therefore, this subject is applicable to many subjects that advocate an analytical approach.

The subject has clear links with the media, journalism and any career where knowledge of the power of language is important. The course is also complementary to many aspects of the study of Literature, particularly in its focus on Language Change.
Some reflections from students who have studied with the English Department

“English Language has provided me with interesting information that I have been able to apply to both my other subjects and everyday life. It has proved challenging in places but with the support of teachers and other students I have been able to further my study. I am enjoying the course and have found the lessons to be fun and inspiring.”
Catrin Podgorski

“English Language at A-Level has given me the opportunity to develop my creative writing skills, and my writing for specific genres. I loved the Language & Power and Language & Gender units, which have contributed greatly to my Year 13 work for several subjects.

I often find that knowledge I’ve gained from English Language is useful in Literature too, and the Language Acquisition module has crossed over into my Sociology work a number of times. The A-Level investigation is also really exciting, and I expect will prepare me for the kind of work I’ll be taking on at university!”
Sophie Jackson

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