



A Level English Language

What will I study?

English Language is a fascinating subject that explores how language works in real-world contexts. You will study how language is used in different forms of communication, including spoken and written texts, and how it varies according to audience, purpose, and context. Topics include language and gender, language and power, language change over time, and how children acquire language. You'll also develop your own analytical and creative writing skills, and learn how to investigate language use through independent research projects.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment is through two written exams and one piece of coursework. The exams test your ability to analyse texts, explore language issues, and apply linguistic concepts. The coursework involves an independent language investigation and a piece of original writing with commentary.

What are the entry requirements?

You will need GCSE Maths at grade 4 and GCSE English Language at grade 5.

Where will this course lead?

English Language is a highly respected A level that can lead to a wide range of university courses including English, Linguistics, Journalism, Creative Writing, Media, and Education. It also supports progression to degree-level apprenticeships in communications, publishing, and public relations. You may choose to continue your studies at Milton Keynes College through one of our Higher Education programmes in Media or Education. Career opportunities include writing, editing, teaching, marketing, and roles in the media and communication industries.

What combines well with this subject?

English Language combines well with Classical Civilisation, Drama and Theatre Studies, English Literature, Media Studies, Sociology, Psychology, and History. These subjects complement the analytical and contextual aspects of language study and provide a broader understanding of society and communication.