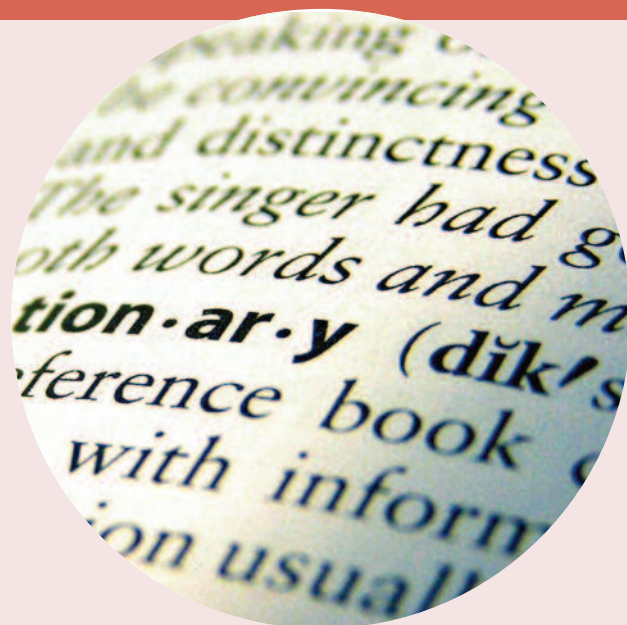


IGCSE English Language

Why study English Language?

English Language is one of the core subjects at GCSE which everyone studies, because it encourages you to communicate accurately, appropriately and effectively in both speech and writing. It builds understanding and encourages you to make sense of human experience. Exploring ways in which language is used will help you to appreciate its power and beauty, both in your own writing and in that of others. It also develops useful skills such as analysis, synthesis and the drawing of inferences.



What will I study?

The IGCSE course involves writing for different audiences and in a range of forms, for example argumentative writing and creative writing. Through reading a range of different texts, including newspaper and magazine articles, biography and autobiography, literary fiction and non-fiction, you will explore the ways in which writers use language for effect, and learn how you can create similar effects in your own writing. You will also learn summary skills, and how to use inference to explore less explicit meanings in texts.

How will English Language benefit me?

By the end of this course, you will be:

- A more discerning reader
- A more skilful writer
- A more confident speaker

All of the above helps to promote your personal development and an understanding of yourself and others.

ASSESSMENT

Coursework (50%):

You will submit a portfolio of three assignments, each of about 500 – 800 words.

Examination (50%):

2 hour exam in which you will answer three questions on two unseen passages of 600 – 700 words each, linked by a common theme.