

English Language



Why choose English Language?

English Language allows you to develop skills which will be invaluable in a wide area of career options, such as:

- ◇ professions where contact with the public requires knowledge of inter-personal skills in written and verbal forms.
 - ◇ the media, law, medicine and related fields.
 - ◇ psychology, psychotherapy, occupations with children, business and human resources.
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- It provides understanding of many aspects and effects of communication.
 - It develops skills as producers and interpreters of language.
 - It develops creative writing skills as well as skills of analysis.
 - It develops skills required of independent investigative work.
 - It provides opportunities for small group work, discussion and debate.
 - Teachers are experienced and value-added examination results are very positive.

English Language Course Details

Exam Requirements

The examination board is the WJEC.

Unit 1: Introduction to the Language of Texts (External examination: 2 hours 30 minutes)

This unit covers stylistic analysis of unseen texts. Candidates will be expected to read the texts closely in order to gain an understanding of their overall meaning, and then to analyse them in detail, using appropriate terminology and knowledge of key constituents of language.

In preparation for this paper, students will study a wide range of texts such as speeches, journalism, reviews, travel writing, letters, advertisements etc. Most of the texts will be from the present day but some may be from the past. The texts may be spoken or written.

Unit 2: Original Writing and Exploring Spoken Language (Coursework)

Candidates are required to submit a folder of work which contains two tasks. In total, the folder should be **approximately 3000 words**.

Task 1 Section A: Original Writing

This section consists of an extended piece of creative writing in a fictional mode and an accompanying commentary. In preparation for this assignment, students will study and write in some of the following genres:

- Short story
- Extract from a novel
- Script writing
- Satire or parody
- Dramatic monologue
- Generic fictional style: detective, romance, crime, horror, science fiction

Task 2 Section B: Exploring Spoken Language

This section consists of an analytical study and discussion of an area of spoken language from the media and an accompanying transcript. Students will study one of the following:

- Stand-up comics
- Chat shows
- Interviews
- Film dialogue

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