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ENGLISH

LANGUAGE



Launceston Sixth
Part of the Athena Learning Trust

Subject Information
For admissions in September

English Language

Exam Board: AQA

For more details, visit: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/a-level/english-7702/specification>

With a grade 6 in English language a requirement at GCSE, this course encourages students to engage with the subtleties of language that surround them on a daily basis. Through the study of both spoken and written language in a wide range of contexts, students consider issues such as language and power, language and gender, as well as how/why language varies and changes. With the language we take for granted evolving all the time (think “fake news” and “selfie”), English language is a challenging course that welcomes students who like to think, reflect and debate.

Unit Descriptions:

Paper 1: Language, the Individual and Society – written examination 40% of qualification

Section A: Textual Variations and Representations (two texts, one contemporary and one older text linked by topic or theme).

Section B: Children's Language Development (a discursive essay on children's language development, with a choice of two questions where the data provided will focus on spoken, written or multimodal language).

Unit Descriptions:

Paper 2: Language Diversity and Change – written examination 40% of qualification
Section A: Diversity and Change (one question from a choice of two: Either: an evaluation essay on language diversity Or: an essay on Language change.

Section B: Language Discourses (two texts about a topic linked to the study of diversity and change)

Non-exam Assessment: Language in Action – 20% of qualification
Students produce: a language investigation (2,000 words excluding data) a piece of original writing and commentary (1,500 words total).

What the students have said in the past: “I really like English language because there are lots of opportunities to think about things I used to take for granted. I’m much more aware of the spoken and written word and how language has changed over time. I am also more aware of the choices I personally make when it comes to language.”

Career/progression:

Have a look at this link for some inspiration:

www.prospects.ac.uk/options_english.htm

Digital copy writer, publishing copy-editor/proof-reader, journalism, writer and web content manager are just some of the career paths open to you with an A Level in English language.

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How to Apply:

To apply to Launceston Sixth please complete our online application form: www.launcestoncollege.uk/sixth-form
Our admissions team will then be in contact to arrange a Sixth Form interview to discuss your options, your aspirations, and to provide advice and guidance on your next steps.

If you cannot access the website, or would like to submit a paper based application please email or call.

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Further details about all of the courses we offer can be found on our website