

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 and 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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