

Workington Academy - Sixth Form

Subject: English Language

Why you should study English Language

This course is for students who wish to explore the functions and structures of writing, speech and conversation and who wish to discover how language functions in different social contexts.

Examination Board: AQA

Course Content

AS English Language

Students will study towards two examinations at the end of the academic year

A2 English Language

This course builds upon the knowledge gained from the AS course. Students will learn how our language has developed under the influence of a variety of contextual factors and how these changes may be analysed and evaluated.

Students will study towards **two** examinations at the end of the academic year worth 40% each of the A level and a non-exam assessment worth 20% of the A level.

Assessment: AS Level

Paper 1: Language and the individual.

This assesses textual variations and representations. Methods of language analysis are integrated into the activities.

This makes up 50% of the AS level

Paper 2: Language Varieties

This unit looks at language diversity and writing skills. Methods of language analysis are integrated into the activities.

This makes up 50% of the AS level

Assessment: A Level

Paper 1: Language, the individual and society

This assesses textual variations and representations and children's language development (0-10 years)

Paper 2: Language diversity and change

This assesses language diversity and change, language discourses and writing skills

Non-exam assessment:

Students will complete a language investigation and a piece of original writing, plus commentary



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Skills Developed, Progression and Possible Future Careers

Studying English Language can involve exploring almost any use of words. You will have the opportunity to study the ways English language is used in a variety of forms. Your English Language course will also teach you to analyse language at many levels.

Studying English teaches you how to write clearly and effectively. The analytical and communication abilities that an English qualification provides are called 'transferable skills': they are useful in almost any occupation.