



English Language and Linguistics

Who is this course for?

Are you interested in exploring in depth how gender, occupation, age and class can affect language? Would you like to study how we all learned to use language from birth?

Are you good at writing for different audiences and purposes in a range of forms?

If your answer is 'yes' then English Language is the course for you!

What will I study at A Level?

Language Variation

This component looks at how we use language to communicate our personal and social identities and how language varies depending on our choices of whether we speak or write and with whom we are communicating. We also explore how English has changed over time and why this happens. We look at the idea of English as a 'World Language' and the power it has on the world stage.

Child Language

Have you ever wondered how children start to talk and how they learn to read and write? This component looks at child language development and the fascinating theories that try to understand why children are better at learning language than adults, as well as the obstacles they have to overcome to become fluent speakers and writers.

Coursework

Investigating Language

This unit is a chance for you to develop into a linguist. You will have the opportunity to investigate an area of language that interests you personally: sports commentaries/gender in magazines/the language of reality TV shows. You will choose your area of interest and the questions you want to research within it. Universities have a high regard for this area of the course as it shows your ability to study independently.

Crafting Language

You will produce some original writing and a commentary which allows you to explore your own language use. This is your chance to express yourself!
You will learn how to produce and present texts like the professionals.

How will I be assessed?

80% exam and 20% non-exam assessed unit



Glossopdale Sixth Form Course Information

Course entry requirements 5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above in different subjects including English and Maths.



What can I do with this qualification?

English Language is fast becoming one of the most popular A-Levels. Universities welcome it and while it is relevant for careers in all areas it is particularly useful for students interested in a career in journalism, advertising, public relations, teaching or anything requiring evidence of good communication skills.

Also consider

Other Humanities or Social Science courses, for example History, Law, Geography, Psychology, Sociology, Modern Foreign Languages, Creative Media and English Literature.



With our impressive Sixth Form facilities, outstanding teaching and excellent results we are confident that we can offer you a successful route to university or employment.

