



Gordon's
Sixth Form

English Language

AS Level and A Level

Why Choose English Language?

The new English Language AQA specification encourages you to develop interest in and enjoyment of English Language. It provides a natural progression from your GCSE study of English Language and gives you the opportunity to develop your ability to express yourself in speech and writing by producing texts for different audiences and purposes. The course also encourages you to appreciate the English Language, through learning about its structures and its functions, its developments and its variations.

This subject makes a great A Level choice

It is particularly suitable for those students who wish to study English Language, Linguistics or English Studies in Higher Education or for students wishing to pursue a career in publishing, advertising, journalism or PR.

It encourages you to take responsibility for your own learning and gives you a strong grounding in the academic principles relating to working with data. English Language is a rigorous, academic course and well-respected by universities.

- *Are you interested in how a child acquires language?*
- *Do you wonder why language changes over time?*
- *Do you enjoy creative writing?*

These are only a few of the engaging areas of study that you will be participating in if you choose the English Language A Level Course.



What happened to our language after 1066?

AS Level:

Paper 1: Language and the Individual

50% of AS Level (1hr 30 minutes written exam)

The aim of this part of the subject content is to introduce students to language study, exploring textual variety.

This area of study introduces students to methods of language analysis to explore concepts of audience, purpose, genre, mode and representation.

Paper 2: Language Varieties

50% of AS Level (1hr 30 minutes written exam)

Students will study varieties of English within the British Isles. This part of the subject content also requires students to study social attitudes to, and debates about, language diversity.

A Level:

Paper 1: Language, the Individual and Society

40% of A Level (2hr 30 minutes written exam)

Builds on AS knowledge and skills, with an additional focus on a new area of study: Child Language Acquisition

Paper 2: Language Diversity and Change

40% of A Level (2hr 30 minutes exam)

Exploring the processes of language change over time.

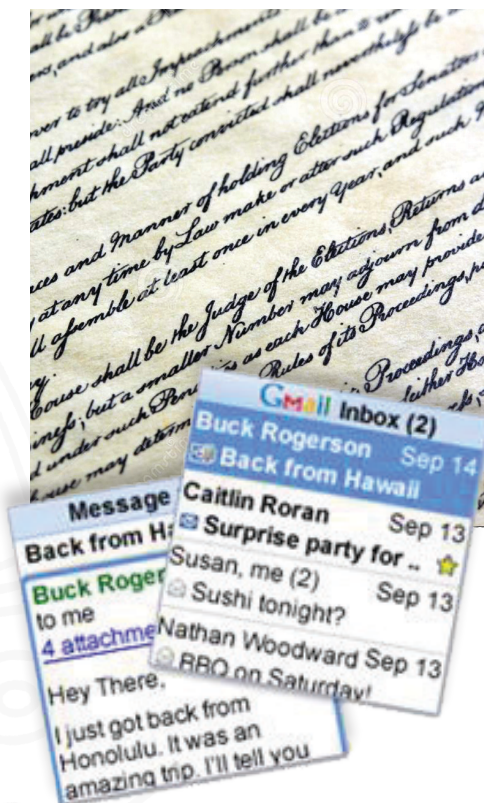
Non-exam assessment:

Language in Action (20% of A Level)

Students to carry out a language investigation and to produce a piece of original writing and commentary.

A Level Results 2017-2018

Grade	A*	A	B	C	A*-A	A*-B
No	0	1	2	1	1	3
%	0	20	40	20	20	60



Careers in English:

- Teaching: schools, colleges, universities, teaching English abroad.
- Media: journalism, publishing, TV and radio, copywriting, events management, editorial.
- Influencing: advertising, marketing, public relations, retail management, sales.
- Helping: social work, youth work, probation work, nursing, housing, charity officer.
- Professions: law, human resources, banking, accountancy, insurance.
- Information: librarian, archives, curator, information officer, bookseller, lexicographer.
- Public Sector: administration, civil service, health service, local government, police, armed forces.
- Postgraduate Study: MA, PhD, journalism, film, business, computing courses.



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