

# AS and A Level English Language

Examination in 2017-2018

## Aims

To encourage and develop written communication skills:

- A critical and informed response to writing in a range of literary forms, styles and contexts
- The interdependent skills of reading explicit and implicit meanings, analysis and communication
- Knowledge and understanding of various features of English Language
- The ability to write clearly, accurately and effectively for a particular purpose and audience

## Course Requirements

This is a flexible course and students will take the examination at the end of one or two years, depending on their level of English and number of lessons.

### **Paper 1 – Passages for Comment (2 hours 15 minutes) AS Level**

Candidates will answer two questions based on passages of text. Each question will involve a critical commentary of the language features followed by a directed writing task: e.g. write a continuation in the style of the original extract.

### **Paper 2 – Composition (2 hours) AS Level**

#### **Section A:** Narrative/Descriptive/Imaginative Writing

Different genres will be studied e.g. detective writing, science fiction, historical romance and psychological thriller.

#### **Section B:** Discursive/Argumentative Writing

Candidates will learn the skills of presenting a persuasive argument on a range of subjects. Specified forms will be given (e.g. a magazine feature, article, review, scripted speech, letter to a newspaper, voiceover) for a specified audience.

### **Paper 3 – Text Analysis (2 hours 15 minutes) A Level**

Candidates will answer two questions based on passages of texts. These will be drawn from: political speeches, advertisements, brochures, editorials, articles, blogs, diaries, investigative journalism, podcasts, biographies, essays and narrative/ descriptive writing.

### **Paper 4 – Language Topics (2 hours 15 minutes) A Level**

The topic areas studied in 2017 and 2018 are as follows:

Topic A: Spoken Language and Social Groups

Topic B: English as a Global Language

Both AS and A Level are by end examination

### **Entry Requirements**

Students will normally have attained a GCSE or IGCSE in English Language at grade B or above. In addition, a pass in English Literature would be advantageous for the Passages for Comment and Textual Analysis.

### **Achievements**

Candidates will significantly improve their understanding and communication skills in the English Language. Moreover, candidates will challenge attitudes, biases and prejudices inherent in texts. During the course, students will enhance their creativity and logical disputation with the Composition Paper.

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