



I enjoy writing creatively, and producing my own pieces of fiction and non-fiction.

I'm interested in reading a variety of contemporary non-fiction texts on a wide range of current issues.

**A-level English Language
is for you!**

I'd love to discover more about the different varieties of English used regionally and globally over time.

I want to develop a range of skills, such as data analysis, critical reading and the ability to develop an argument.

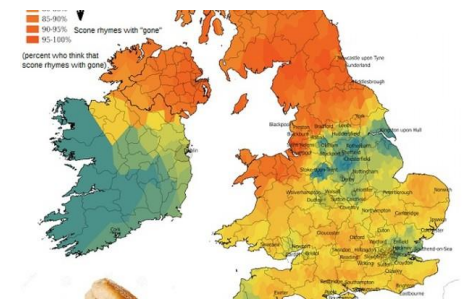
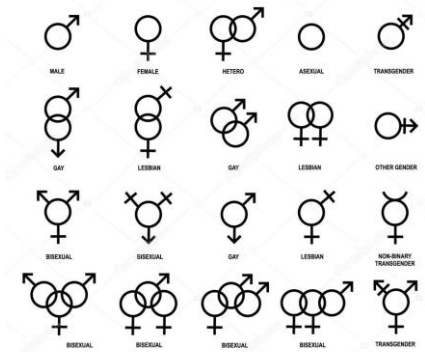
A-level English Language offers opportunities for you to:

- **write creatively** and **reflect critically** on your own writing processes
- explore English Language both as a **medium of communication** and as a topic in its own right
- **debate different views** on **language varieties** and language use
- **develop your own lines of enquiry** and **work independently to research aspects of language** that are of interest to you.



What will I study?

- **Diversity:** age, occupation, sexuality, gender, technology region, accent, dialect, world languages-how our language is shaped by our experiences and our social groups.
- **Language at work in the world:** how meanings and representations in advertising, in fashion, in music or film are created and why.
- **Child Language acquisition:** how children learn to speak, read and write.
- **Language Change:** why and how has our language evolved over time.



How will I be assessed?

Assessments

Paper 1: Language, the individual and society	+	Paper 2: Language diversity and change	+	Non-exam assessment: Language in action
What's assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Textual variations and representations• Children's language development (0–11 years)• Methods of language analysis are integrated into the activities		What's assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Language diversity and change• Language discourses• Writing skills• Methods of language analysis are integrated into the activities		What's assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Language investigation• Original writing• Methods of language analysis are integrated into the activities
Assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes• 100 marks• 40% of A-level		Assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes• 100 marks• 40% of A-level		Assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• word count: 3,500• 100 marks• 20% of A-level• assessed by teachers• moderated by AQA

We'll explore:

- language in its wider social, geographical and temporal contexts
- processes of language change
- how children acquire and develop language skills

We'll develop skills to:

- identify and describe features of language diversity and change
- explore how texts are produced to convey views and opinions

Carry out two different kinds of individual research:

- a language investigation (2,000 words excluding data)
- a piece of original writing and commentary (750 words each). You can choose to study spoken, written or multimodal data in areas of your personal interest.

English Language Results 2019

- A*-B 78%
- A*-C 100%
- Our results on all components of the exam and coursework component are far higher than similar centres nationally.
- **ALPS 3** one of only three departments to achieve this grade showing the amazing progress our students make.

Where will English Language take me?

English is great for any career that involves communication, writing or literary knowledge.

These include:

- advertising,
- journalism,
 - law,
- consultancy,
 - business,
 - teaching,
- Performing arts,
- foreign languages,
- media and design.

Careers in the sciences, engineering, technology and maths also need more English than you think. English goes with *everything*.

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apprenticeship

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Accounting and
Finance at Leeds
University

Princess Banda
Durham
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