

Trinity Catholic College 6th form

OCR AS & A Level English Language

Course Overview

English language focuses on the construction of language for a variety of different reasons. From how writers construct texts to persuade or entertain to how men and women may (or may not!) structure their language differently. You will study both spontaneous and constructed texts in order to try and decipher the mysteries of the English language.

Course Content

Year 12

- Basics of English language - important terminology and concepts.
- Comparative unit of spoken and constructed speech.
- Gender and power - how they affect language use.
- Writing about language for audience, purpose and genre.

Year 13

- Language and the media - how different areas of the media use language
- Child language acquisition - how child acquire and use language from birth.
- Language change - major developments in language in the past 400 years and the reasons for this
- Language investigation - a personal investigation into a language topic of your choice.

Assessment

AS - 2 external exams weighted at 50% each

A Level - 2 external exams weighted at 40% each, internally assessed course work weighted at 20%

Entry Requirements

5 A*-C (9-5) with a grade 5 or above in English GCSE is preferable as this course is extremely focused on knowledge and construction of language.

Progression

An extremely useful A level to have as language is the basis for everything! Most HE providers would consider English A levels highly desirable. Degrees often studied by English students are - English based degrees, education, primary education, law, psychology, nursing, humanities based degrees to name a few.

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