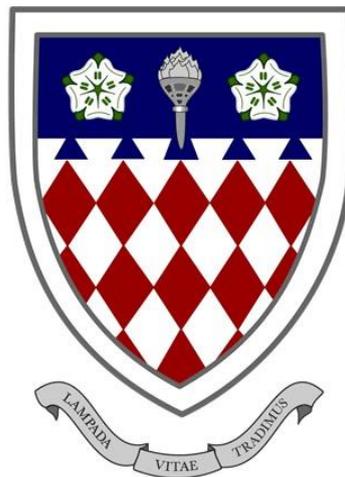


Spalding High School  
Sixth Form  
A Level  
English Language



## Why Choose A Level English Language?

In his preface to The Cambridge Encyclopaedia of English Language, Professor David Crystal examines the question, "Why study the English language?" and comes up with a number of reasons:

- Because it's fascinating: It is remarkable how often the language turns up as a topic of interest in daily conversation; whether it is a question about accents, a comment about standards, or simply curiosity about a word's origins.
- Because it's important: The dominant role of English as a world language forces it upon our attention in a way that no language has ever done before.
- Because it's fun: One of the most popular leisure pursuits is to play with English, with its words, sounds, spellings, and structures. Crosswords, Scrabble, and many others keep millions happily occupied every day.
- Because it's beautiful: Each language has its unique beauty and power, as seen to best effect in the works of its great orators and writers. We can see the 1,000-year-old history of English writing only through the glass of language.
- Because it's useful: Getting the language right is a major issue in almost every corner of society. No one wants to be accused of ambiguity and obscurity. The more we know about the language the more chance we shall have of success.

## What career paths might I follow with A Level English Language?

Employers look for good communication skills and you will be able to hone these with English Language A Level. You will also refine your analytical skills, both in looking at data and then putting this into writing.

English Language is good for any job that involves communication, writing and linguistic knowledge. These include: advertising and marketing, writing and journalism, law, consultancy, business, teaching, performing arts, academia, government, linguistics, foreign languages, media and design.

Careers in the sciences, engineering, technology and maths also need more English than you think. Writing proposals, academic papers & articles and communicating with others is key to getting funding for projects and reaching people with your work.

## What is the content of the course and how is it assessed?

This course aims to enable you to build on the skills you have developed at GCSE by engaging creatively and critically with a wide range of texts. Studying English Language A Level will involve using exciting and relevant text and data-based sources to allow you to expand your understanding of a subject which forms an important part of life.

You should expect to explore the structure and functions of language along with how language varies in differing contexts and use this knowledge to inform your own creative writing.

### **A Level English Language 7702**

#### **Examined units:**

Paper 1: Language, the Individual and Society

Paper 2: Language Diversity and Change

#### **Non-exam assessment:**

Language in action

## What do our students say about A Level English Language?

*"I love English Language! The teachers are brilliant and the lessons are really interactive which I really enjoy. It is also extremely interesting learning about different aspects of language in a fun way."*

*"English Language is such a fun subject; it's so interesting and engaging with interactive lessons learning loads about different aspects of language from conversational theory to how the words appear on the page – also the teachers are amazing. I look forward to the lessons."*

*"English Language is definitely my favourite A Level not only because it's so much fun, but it's also really interesting! Our class is a really tight knit group so class discussion never feels a daunting task. The teachers are lovely!"*

## **Specification**

Exam Board— AQA

[http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/as-and-a-level/  
english-language-7701-7702](http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/as-and-a-level/english-language-7701-7702)

## **Entry requirements**

GCSE Grade 6 or above in English Language

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