



Bideford College

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English Language

**Subject Information
For admissions in September**

English Language

Exam Board: AQA

Qualification Title: English Language A-Level

For more details, visit:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/as-and-a-level/english-language-7701-7702/specification-at-a-glance>

Click on this link to download an outline scheme of learning:

<https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/english/AQA-7702-SOW.PDF>

With a grade 6 in English language a requirement at GCSE, this course encourages students to engage with the subtleties of language that surround them on a daily basis. Through the study of both spoken and written language in a wide range of contexts, students consider issues such as language and power, language and gender, as well as how/why language varies and changes. With the language we take for granted evolving all the time (think “fake news” and “selfie”) English language is a challenging course that welcomes students who like to think, reflect and debate.

Unit Descriptions:

Paper 1:

Language, the Individual and Society – written examination 40% of qualification

Section A: Textual Variations and Representations (two texts, one contemporary and one older text linked by topic or theme).

Section B: Children's Language Development (a discursive essay on children's language development, with a choice of two questions where the data provided will focus on spoken, written or multimodal language)

Paper 2:

Language Diversity and Change – written examination 40% of qualification

Section A: Diversity and Change (one question from a choice of two: Either: an evaluation essay on language diversity Or: an essay on Language change.

Section B: Language Discourses (two texts about a topic linked to the study of diversity and change)

Non-exam Assessment: Language in Action – 20% of qualification

Students produce:

- a language investigation (2,000 words excluding data)
- a piece of original writing and commentary (1,500 words total)

What the students have said in the past:

“I really like English language because there are lots of opportunities to think about things I used to take for granted. I’m much more aware of the spoken and written word and how language has changed over time. I am also more aware of the choices I personally make when it comes to language.”

Career/progression:

Have a look at this link for some inspiration:
www.prospects.ac.uk/options_english.htm

Digital copy writer, publishing copy-editor/proof-reader, journalism, writer and web content manager are just some of the career paths open to you with an A Level in English language.

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