

English Language**Faculty:** Communications & Performing Arts**Faculty information:**

English Language A-Level is positioned in the Communications Faculty. It is currently taught by a team of 5 teachers. There are approximately 260 students studying the subject this year. English Literature and Language/Literature A-Levels are also taught; the majority of the 12 staff teaching English A-Levels specialise in working in one of these teaching teams. Other courses taught in the Faculty include Media Studies, Film Studies, Music, Modern Foreign Languages, Drama and GCSE English. Each subject team is managed by a Head of Subject.

Examination results 2019:**English Language A-Level**

13% A*-A (134 students)
54% A*-B grades
87% A*-C grades
100% A*-E grades

Reason for post:

Maternity leave.

Points of interest:

Teacher commitments for this post involve a mixture of lower and upper sixth teaching. We use a model whereby lower sixth classes have a single teacher and upper sixth classes are shared between two teachers.

The teaching timetable for this post is currently split over 5 days, but there may be some scope to reduce this to 4.

The average class size on the course is currently 21.3 students.

5 GCSE grade 4s (including English Language) is the minimum requirement for students entering the course.

Teachers of English are committed to supporting the curricular experience of their students through workshops and extension activities.

ILT facilities allow for sharing of resources on departmental schemes of work. Students are encouraged to regularly use the subject's intranet site and Google Classroom, where a range of materials and tasks support teaching.

AQA is the Exam Board.

A number of students go on to study Language/Linguistics related courses in Higher Education (10 of our 2018 leavers).

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