



## Abbey Gate College Sixth Form



# English Language

## Why study English Language at A Level?

*English Language is a flexible and adaptable subject in which your opinions and responses matter. You will learn to think critically and to define language; specialist terminology will enable you to communicate your ideas effectively. English Language also gives you the opportunity to develop your writing skills and further your knowledge of the spoken word.*

We all need to communicate and express ourselves coherently; it is difficult to think of many degrees and occupations where such a skill is not essential. Typically, students of English Language have careers in the law, the media, journalism, management, human resources, speech therapy and teaching, among many other opportunities.



# Course Content



## Upper Sixth:

There are three A Level Units for the English Language course:

- **Unit 1: Language, the Individual and Society;** as well as revisiting textual variations and diversity, children's language development (0-11 years) is also studied. (Exam: 40%)
- **Unit 2: Language Diversity and Change;** extends the study of language diversity into language change (Exam: 40%)  
In both papers, writing skills and language analysis methods are tested.
- **Unit 3: Language in Action;** for which students produce a language investigation and piece of original writing. (20%)

*'Language shapes the way we think, and determines what we can think about.'*  
*Benjamin Lee Wharf*

We follow the AQA English Language specification.



**SKILLS**  
obtained by  
studying  
**English  
Language:**

- Effective verbal and written communication
- Critical observation and interpretation of the world around you
- Creative thinking and problem-solving
- Condensing facts, arguments and ideas into a conclusion
- Research skills and ability to explain results
- Time management