

A Level English Language

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Course Level: Level 3 | **Campus: Newcastle** | **Subject Type: English & Languages**

Course Overview:

Immerse yourself in the power of language and communication with our A Level English Language course.

Through reading, textual analysis, and creative writing assignments, students develop the skills to deconstruct and interpret a wide range of texts. Explore the endless possibilities of the English language and emerge as confident communicator and critical thinker ready to make your mark in the world.

What's Covered:

Imagine you could take your innermost thoughts and insert them into someone else's mind. Well, language allows you to do this. Throughout this course you will understand how and why language is used in specific ways and develop knowledge of key terminology which will help you analyse a range of texts from historical speeches to original writing and commentary.

You will develop your analytical skills, apply theories and learn a range of terms by exploring spoken, written and digital texts as you explore a range of incredibly diverse texts including everything from short informal text messages to formal speeches.

This course will provide you with a stimulating, personally enriching experience of language whilst also encouraging creativity and independence as you write creatively for your coursework and engage in a range of enrichment experiences throughout.

During the course, we will help you master the art of using language for different audiences as we study a range of topics including, Language, the Individual and Society, Language Diversity and Change which incorporates Historical changes to English Language, Gendered language, Accent and dialect and Occupational language and Language in Action which will include language investigation coursework and a piece of original writing and commentary.

Entry Requirements:

You will need a minimum of five GCSEs at grade 5 or above including maths and English Language, in subjects relevant to your A Level or A+ Programme subject choices.

Assessment Information:

Assessment is comprised of two examinations and one piece of coursework at the end of two years of study.

Progression to Year 2 will be dependent on successful completion of the first year taking into account Internal Progression Examination results and the Key Assessment Profile throughout the first year.

Fees and Financial Support:

This course is free for anyone aged 16 – 18.

College Maintenance Allowance (CMA):
Anyone with a gross household income under £35,000 can receive financial support to cover

100%

pass rate

88.9%

achieved A*-C in 2026

college related costs such as transport, meals, course equipment and uniform. Bursary support is based on individual circumstances and will be allocated to best suit your individual needs. A range of other financial support is available depending on your personal circumstances. For more details visit nscg.ac.uk/finance

Progression:

On successful completion of your A Level programme, you can progress to university or employment. Careers such as publishing, marketing, editing, teaching and journalism, amongst others, appeal to students with A Level English Language.

What else do I need to know?

There will be trips and visits throughout the course to various locations including London and the British Library. We also have links with local theatre, The New Vic and have the opportunity to attend workshops here and also at Keele University where you will develop subject expertise at a higher level.

We encourage you to take part in our enrichment activities which include a vibrant and active book club and having the opportunity to write for our popular student blog.

Think of what you're capable of. Then think beyond it.

Step up to a top university or move into a competitive programme like Medicine or Law with our Honours Programme. Perfect for ambitious and high-achieving students.

The Honours Programme is an additional pathway for students whose aspirations are to progress onto highly competitive courses at top universities, such as those in the Russell Group. Once accepted onto the programme, you'll be expected to commit extra time every week to this intensive support pathway.

Find out more
here

How do I find out more?

If you wish to find out more you can contact Stuart Last, Head of A Level English, by e-mailing: stuart.last@nscg.ac.uk