

# AS/A Level English Language

A course focused on sociolinguistics which means that we will study and analyse the ways in which society and language influence one another. This course is ideal if you are interested in popular culture, current affairs and the development of the English Language in society.

## Why study English Language?

- There are no set texts. Every lesson is different.
- The skills are applicable to almost everything.
- Excellent progression to university.
- Makes you more employable and prepares you for a diverse range of good jobs.
- Complements most subjects.

## Why study it at Exeter College?

- Consistently excellent results.
- Outstanding facilities and resources.
- Top quality teaching.
- Large centre – more support.

## Course structure

### AS LEVEL (YEAR 1)



Two units

1. Language: Context & Identity (50% – exam)
2. Child Language (50% – exam)

### A LEVEL (YEAR 2)



Four units

1. Language Variation (35% – exam)
2. Child Language (20% – exam)
3. Investigating Language (25% – exam)
4. Crafting Language (20% – coursework)

## What will I study?

### Variation, Context and Identity

- How/why do we change our language in different situations?
- Is language a reflection of our identity, or do we construct our identity through our language choices?
- **Variation over time (Year 2)** - How/why did the English Language evolve to the point it is at today?

### Child Language

- How/why do children learn to use language? Is it a natural ability, or do they have to be taught it?

### Investigating Language (Year 2)

- An opportunity to develop your own interests in relation to 5 main language topic areas (Global English, Gender Identity, Journalism, Power & Regional Variation)
- Although this is an exam, you will be able to research and investigate your response before you sit the paper.

### Crafting Language

- An excellent opportunity to develop your own ideas and interests while also learning to write in a creative literary or non-literary style.

