



# Archbishop Tenison's

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

SIXTH FORM



# ENGLISH LANGUAGE

## A Level Course Overview

- We follow the AQA specification.
- With exciting text- and data-based sources of language, the specification introduces the study of English in its various forms and contexts, with the concepts and methods appropriate for the analysis of language underpinning all elements of the course.
- Offering clear skills progression from GCSE, these courses allow students to build on the skills already gained and prepare for their next steps.
- The variety of assessment styles used, such as data analysis, discursive essays, directed writing, original writing and research-based investigative writing, allows students to develop a wide range of skills. These include critical reading, data analysis, evaluation, the ability to develop and sustain arguments and a number of different writing skills which are invaluable for both further study and future employment.
- Questions you will be able to answer at the end of the course:
- How might your language be different depending on your: accent and dialect, gender, occupation, social class?
- How is a text constructed? How is language used to convey a particular message?
- How has the English language changed from Early Modern English? How and why does it continue to change? Are these changes valid or is language fixed?
- How is language used in the media and the world around us? How is language used differently to report a particular event or issue and how has this changed over time?
- How do children learn to speak, read and write?



# What's great about English Language at Tenison's Sixth Form?

*We employ a range of teaching strategies to ensure English Language is engaging for our students; we aim to make learning relevant to the world around us, building on skills for future success. We have several subject specialists who contribute to the dynamic teaching of our subject; our team also enjoy many of the different Linguistic disciplines from child language development to the continually changing and developing English language.*

*Our students enjoy the variety of texts and challenges English Language affords, as well as the opportunities presented for speaking and listening. They also enjoy the passion and enthusiasm their teachers exhibit for each of the disciplines.*

*Specifically, we also support the development of a variety of skills that stand our students in good stead for further learning beyond our classrooms, for example: effective communication skills; how to collect, analyse and correctly reference data; the ability to write creatively, accurately and for specific purposes; improvement of your critical thinking and ability to analyse; the ability to read and enjoy a wide variety of texts.*



# Opportunities and Successes

- **What events can you expect to attend?**
- Typically, we organise a variety of opportunities that will compliment our studying of English Language, for example: external lectures, museum trips and exhibitions; there are many changing and developing events that the English Department endeavour to take our students to with the aim of supporting our students with their explorations of the English Language.
- **What career opportunities could studying English Language lead to?**
- There are a variety of career opportunities studying English Language could lead to, for example: Linguistics, Business Administration, Curating, Marketing, Journalism / Media, Law Education, Performing Arts, Health & Social Care, Leisure, Tourism, Civil Service, Archiving, Events Management, Human Resourcing, Copywriting, Politics, Public Relations, Editing, Screen Writing and many, many more.
- **What Employability skills does English Language develop and nurture?**
- In addition, studying English Language develops and nurtures a wealth of employability skills, for example: Communication and interpersonal skills; problem solving skills; using your initiative and being self-motivated; working under pressure and to deadlines; organisational skills; team working; ability to learn and adapt; valuing diversity and difference; negotiation skills.



# What is the difference between English Language and English Literature?

English Language	English Literature
Our study has more focus on non-fiction	Our study has more focus on fiction
We focus on the language around us, looking at current texts and language with consideration of current affairs	We take a historicist approach to our study of literature, considering the reception of a text through time and critical theory
We study the origins of English as a language and how and why the language is changing...and continues to change	We engage in an overview of the canon of Literature, considering classical to contemporary literature
We explore how meaning is conveyed and how language carries meaning	We explore authorial intent and how meaning is shaped
We explore how language is impacted by social context	We explore how literature critiques social structures



# Can I study both English Language and English Literature?

Yes, we have many students studying both language and literature, both subjects compliment each other well.