

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

AT ADVANCED LEVEL (A/S AND A2)

Our Course: AQA, Specification: B

First Year

AS: Unit 1 Categorising Texts (External Examination: 1 ½ hours)

This unit covers the introductory aspects of the study of language, using a variety of texts for the basis of this study. In addition it focuses on three specific social contexts:

- Language and Power,
- Language and Gender
- Language and Technology.

60% of the total AS marks

30% of the total A2 marks

Unit 2 Creating Texts: 2500- 4500 words coursework (internally assessed/externally moderated)

In this unit candidates are encouraged to develop their own writing skills, producing writing for in different genres and for different audiences and purposes.

40% of the total AS marks

20% of the total A2 marks

Second Year

A2: Unit 3 Developing Language (External Examination: 2 hours)

This unit builds on the knowledge and skills developed in AS studies, as well as having an additional focus on two new specific areas of language study:

- Child Language Acquisition
- Language Change.

30% of the total A-level marks

Unit 4 Investigating Language: 2000- 4000 words coursework (internally assessed/externally moderated)

In this unit candidates apply their knowledge of linguistic methods and concepts acquired over the course to an investigation of their choice.

20% of the total A-level marks