

A Level English Language

Why study this course at Cronton Sixth Form?

You will be taught by excellent, well qualified teachers who put students at the heart of the curriculum. You will find that your teachers are enthusiastic, approachable and encouraging.

Taking English Language at A Level is a fantastic way to explore the language you encounter every day of your life and to learn the skills to help you analyse that language. You will also develop your own communication skills in both speech and writing, making you a good candidate for University and making you more employable.

What will I study?

In year 1, you will discover the ways in which people communicate with others; and what makes us use language differently depending on the precise context. You will be able to use a variety of terminology to analyse texts, ranging from text messages to formal political speeches – and to also see how identity can be detected from the way someone uses language, reaching conclusions about gender, age, occupation and social class.

In year 2, you will discover how children acquire language, where the English language comes from historically; and what has made it change over time. You will consider English as a global language and its advantages and disadvantages. You will research theories of language use, bringing in issues such as language and gender, language and power, accent and dialect as well as studying varieties of English such as American, Australian, Indian and British Black English.

How will I be assessed?

Short testing, written homework assignments, timed essays, mock examinations, group work, research tasks, a coursework folder in Year 2 (20%) and formal written exams (80%).

Entry Requirements

A minimum of 3 x 5's and 2 x 4's at GCSE including a Grade 5 in English Language, a Grade 5 in Maths and a Grade 5 in another written subject.

Can I study this course if I have not taken it at GCSE?

There is a requirement that you have a Grade 5 In English Language.

Enrichment Opportunities

You can take part in any enrichment programme, the English-based programmes are the poetry writing competition club and online languages conferences. There are also various sporting activities on offer. You may also take part in our Professional Programmes and our Prestigious University Programme if you are identified as a High Achiever.

Please note:
all of our A Level subjects must be studied as part of a full time A Level programme. You will choose 3 A level subjects to study over two years.

A Centre of Excellence

Students studying English develop and showcase their literary skills by taking part in national competitions such as the Young Writers and Christopher Tower Poetry competitions. Our links with prestigious universities and prominent figures, such as the Professor of Linguistics at Lancaster University, further enhance student learning.

Be inspired

Students also benefit from visiting guest speakers; including the Children's Laureate, authors, poets, journalists and a trip to the globe theatre in London.



What can this course lead on to?

Studying A Level English Language will open a wide range of career opportunities to you. Many employers look for potential employees with an A Level in English, as it shows that you have good communication skills. At degree level, you can choose to study English Language, Linguistics or a whole range of courses which combine English with other subjects. Our students have gone on to a wide range of careers including speech therapy, journalism, teaching and the law.

Any additional costs?

There are no costs directly associated with the course although your teacher will recommend reading / textbooks which you may wish to purchase yourself. If you go on any trips, there will be ticket and transport costs associated with these.

Outstanding Opportunities

Opportunities to enter national competitions with fantastic success for students including the Oxford University Poetry Competition, the Lancaster Writing Awards, the Debating Society Competition, the Youth Parliament Competition and Bar Mock Trials.

What have previous students said about this subject?

“I have enjoyed the detailed analytical elements of the course and studying gender theory from sociolinguistics. I am going on to study Primary Education, specialising in English Language”
(Rosie Stone, Past English Language A Level student)

Meet the Students

Name:
Amber-Jayne Gregory

Previously from:
Moorside High School

Destination:
**Edge Hill University,
Secondary English
Education with QTS**

A Level Results:
English Language A*
Psychology A*
Geography A



Outstanding Results 2021

A*-A 35%
A*-B 78%
A*-C 98%