

Year 12 Roadmap for English Language

In English Language we explore how language is woven into every aspect of our lives.

Building on the GCSE skills that make you a highly confident reader and writer, you will delve deeper into exactly how and why our language varies according to different contexts. You will investigate the earliest roots of English, the ways in which we develop language as individuals, and the ways in which language shapes how we perceive the world.

In the process, you will read widely and critically; you will write and debate with precision and flair. Language is evolving constantly. So, the more you study it, the more exciting new territory you will discover.

	Y12 AUTUMN TERM TOPICS	ASSESSMENT IN Y12
AUTUMN TERM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language Frameworks: Students will study the fundamental building blocks of language such as lexis, grammar, discourse, and phonology, enabling them to analyse texts systematically. • Children’s Language Development (spoken): Students will explore how children acquire spoken language, considering major theories of language acquisition and applying them to real-life examples. • Language Change: Students will examine how the English language has evolved over time and what historical, social, and technological factors have influenced these changes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Assessment points throughout the year will enable students to practise essay-based exam questions, building towards a full exam paper during mock week.
SPRING TERM	Y12 SPRING TERM TOPICS	HOMEWORK IN Y12
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children’s Language Development (written): Students will investigate how children learn to read and write, including theories of literacy development and classroom practices. • Language Change - Social and Regional: Students will analyse how social class, region, and identity influence the evolution and diversity of language. • Language Varieties - Gender, Sexuality, and Power: Students will study how language reflects and constructs identity, power, and gender roles in society. • Global Varieties of English: Students will explore English as a global language, focusing on World Englishes and sociolinguistic variation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will complete homework tasks to consolidate key knowledge, to develop revision methods, and to practise essay-writing skills.
SUMMER TERM	Y12 SUMMER TERM TOPICS	ENRICHMENT IN Y12
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language Discourses: Students will evaluate how language is discussed in society and the media, developing the ability to assess arguments and write critical responses. • Language Varieties - Change, Technology, Occupation, and Age: Students will examine how language use differs by profession, technology, and age group, applying sociolinguistic theory to real examples. • Mini Investigation: Students will begin to undertake independent research projects, learning how to frame linguistic questions and collect and analyse data. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are actively encouraged to become Reading Mentors to contribute towards literacy development lower down the school.