

A possible linear route through A-level

A-level English Language (7702)

Year 1

Autumn Term 1	Teaching and Learning Focus
Introduction to language levels	Introduction to the terminology applicable for close textual analysis
Analysing texts with a specific focus on mode: speech, computer mediated communication and genre	Understanding how meaning is created in a variety of texts
Autumn Term 2	Teaching and Learning Focus
Introduction to language diversity, considering language and the individual, social groups and regional variation	Evaluative essay writing Directed writing skills
Spring Term 1	Teaching and Learning Focus
Developing textual analysis skills	Analysis skills
Analysing texts with a specific focus on representation Begin work on Non-exam assessment: original writing – working with style models	Understanding of representation as a concept and how language is used to create meaning in a variety of texts Developing comparison of texts based on the same topic/theme
Spring Term 2	Teaching and Learning Focus
Developing language diversity: with a specific focus on gender, occupation and ethnicity Attitudes towards language diversity	Evaluative essay writing Examining discourses to evaluate differing attitudes and perspectives about language use Directed writing skills to present a coherent
	argument about language use
Summer Term 1	Teaching and Learning Focus
Introduction to language change How and why does language change?	Examining issues linked to language change from 1600 to present day

	Developing evaluative essay writing skills
Summer Term 2	Teaching and Learning Focus
Introduction to non-exam assessment: language investigation	Examining research methodologies and suitable approaches for different investigation types

Year 2

Autumn Term 1	Teaching and Learning Focus
Introduction to children's language development	Response to data types and evaluative essay writing
Examine stages and theories of children's language development	
Continue work on non-exam assessment: language investigation	
Autumn Term 2	Teaching and Learning Focus
Non-exam assessment: original writing	Working with style models to produce own writing
	Reflecting on style models and own writing to produce the reflective commentary
Spring Term 1	Teaching and Learning Focus
Developing language diversity Re-visit topics covered in Year 1 Explore issues linked to World Englishes and consider attitudes towards language in use	Evaluative essay writing Examining discourses to evaluate differing attitudes and perspectives about language use
	Directed writing skills to present a coherent argument about language use
Spring Term 2	Teaching and Learning Focus
Developing language change Re-visit topics and issues covered in Year 1	Evaluative essay writing Examining discourses to evaluate differing
Explore reasons for change. Develop ideas about attitudes towards language change.	attitudes and perspectives about language change
	Directed writing skills to present a coherent argument about language change
Summer Term 1	Teaching and Learning Focus
Developing textual analysis skills (Paper 1)	Analysis of a variety of texts, using appropriate terminology to consider how

Developing children's language acquisition (Paper 1)	meanings and representations are created Analysing data. Evaluative essay writing to reflect on different attitudes and theories about children's language development	
Summer Term 2	Teaching and Learning Focus	
Exam preparation and revision	Exam preparation and revision	

Assessment

Paper 1: Language, the individual and society	Paper 2: Language diversity and change	Non-exam assessment: Language in action
Written exam: 2½ hours	Written exam: 2½ hours	
40%	40%	20%
Section A: 3 questions based on analysis of 2 texts (70 marks) Section B: Children's language development (30 marks)	Section A: one evaluative essay from a choice of either: - language diversity or - language change (30 marks) Section B: - language discourses (40 marks) - directed writing (30 marks)	Language investigation – 2,000 words – 10% Original writing and commentary – 750 words for each – 10%

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