

## English Language A'Level (from September 2015 onwards)

**\*\*\*From September 2015, St Aloysius will only offer A'Levels in English (not AS levels).**

**Minimum requirements:** at least a B in BOTH English Language and English Literature at GCSE.

**Course title:** English Language (Specification B)

**Exam board:** AQA

**Exam format:** Progression onto the second year of the A'level will be subject to satisfactory coursework marks and an end of year 12 internal exam paper.

### Topics Covered

The course covers a vast range of topics.

#### \*4.1 Language, the individual and society

The aim of this part of the subject content is to introduce students to language study, exploring textual variety and children's language development.

-4.1.1 Textual variations and representations

-4.1.2 Methods of language analysis

-4.1.3 Children's language development

#### \*4.2 Language, diversity and change

The aim of this area of study is to allow students to explore language diversity and change over time.

Students will study the key concepts of audience, purpose and genre and mode and will explore language in its wider social, geographical and temporal contexts. They will explore processes of language change. This part of the subject content also requires students to study social attitudes to, and debates about, language diversity and change.

-4.2.1 Language diversity and change

-4.2.2 Methods of language analysis

-4.2.3 Language discourses

-4.2.4 Writing skills

#### \*4.3 Language in action (Non-exam assessment)

The aim of this area of study is to allow students to explore and analyse language data independently and develop and reflect upon their own writing expertise.

It requires students to carry out two different kinds of research:

-a language investigation (2000 words excluding data)

-a piece of original writing and commentary (750 words each)

-4.3.1 Language investigation

-4.3.2 Original writing

-4.3.3 Methods of language analysis

**Progression:** A'level English Language students typically go on to study English at degree level or another respected academic humanities subject such as History, Law, Linguistics, History of Art, Classics, Politics, Philosophy amongst others.

**Careers:** English Language and/or Literature A'level(s) provide students with a wealth of communication and analysis skills suited to many careers, some of the most popular careers for English graduates are: teaching, academia, journalism, media, law, politics and business.

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