



ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Advanced General Certificate of Education (AS and A2)

WHY ENGLISH LANGUAGE?

The opportunities for students of English Language are wide ranging. AGCE Courses in English Language complement other Sixth Form Courses. They are designed to heighten the awareness and sensitivity of students to the way the English Language functions.

Qualifications in English Language are acceptable as an entry to many different careers. They may include:

Marketing
Education
Leisure

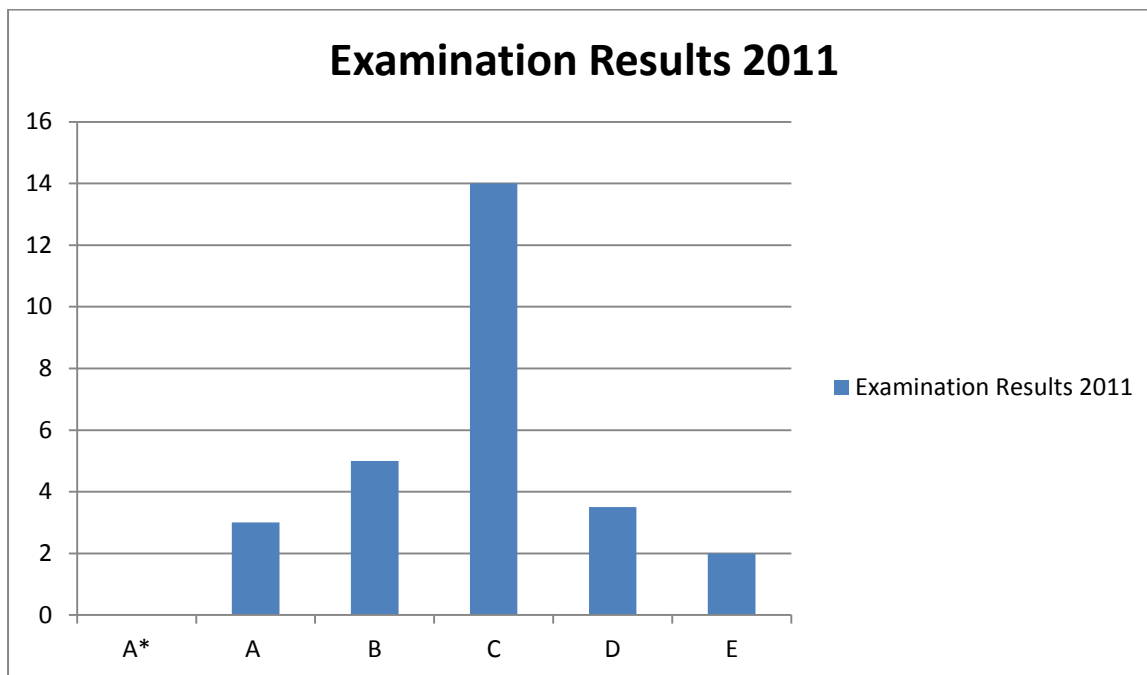
Journalism/Media
Performing Arts
Tourism

Law
Health & Social Care

All courses offered at Thomas Telford School are designed to provide academic and vocational experiences. They will prepare students for their choice of career in both the world of work and Higher Education.

SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 6 GCSEs (Grades A* - C)
- Grade B in GCSE English Language or Literature, preferably both.



COURSE DETAILS

OCR Syllabus : AS H069
A2: H469

AS Level You will study two units as follows:

The Dynamics of Speech Externally assessed

The focus of this unit is the analysis of speech. In “Speech and Children”, you will study spoken language generated by children up to the age of 14. You will develop an understanding of the stages of language acquisition and the many social contexts of talk and children. You will explore children’s language in the media and the wider community, both scripted and unscripted.

In “Speech Varieties and Social Groups”, you will learn how group identities are created through specific features of spoken English, how language can reflect social class and how speech can demonstrate attitudes and values.

Texts and Audiences Course work Unit Internally assessed

You will produce a coursework folder of a maximum of 3,000 words containing two items. For “Text Study” you will produce a linguistic analysis of two texts (one written and one multimodal). Through this you will show an awareness of audience and purpose, and the social and cultural context in which the texts were produced. For “Adaptive Writing and Commentary” you will select one of the texts from “Text Study” and adapt it for a different audience and/or purpose. Through this you will demonstrate your expertise in using English creatively and appropriately in producing a text for a specific audience and purpose.



A2 Year You will study a further two units as follows:

Culture, Language and Identity Externally assessed

The focus of this unit is to analyse the stylistic variations in spoken and written language. There are four topic areas: Language and Speech; The Language of Popular Written Texts; Language and Cultural Production; and Language Power and Identity. Here you will demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of the key constituents of language: lexis, grammar, morphology, phonology and phonetics.

Media Language Coursework Unit Internally assessed

You will produce a coursework folder of a maximum of 3000 words containing two items of work. The focus of this unit is a study of texts in the three modes: spoken, written and multimodal. You will study the language of more traditional media such as film, television, radio and journalism, alongside that of the developing media (electronic texts and the language of the internet). You will carry out an independent investigation in which you analyse and compare texts from all three modes. You will also produce your own original writing.