# ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LINGUISTICS

**EXAM BOARD: AQA**

**80% EXAM X 2 PAPERS** | **20% INTERNALLY ASSESSED**

**Why study English Language & Linguistics?**

## As an English Language student at Stratford you will explore how language works, from how words are formed to how they are used to influence our decisions.

You will build a toolkit for linguistic analysis. You will engage in debates around language use, looking at accent and dialect; language and gender; how social class, age and ethnicity affect language use; how children learn language and how language changes over time. In addition to benefiting from the expertise of passionate, specialist teachers, you will be given opportunities to engage in a variety of enrichment activities which, which in the past have included conferences and workshops with eminent linguists and visits to places of interest such as the British Library and The Guardian newspaper in London.

**Subject Specification Outline:**

This specification consists of three main units:

**Progress Assessment:**

Regular, structured exam-style assessments in preparation for two terminal examinations. Ongoing ½ termly assessment. The non-examined element (Language in Action) accounts for 20% of the overall grade and is internally assessed. You will receive feedback throughout the drafting process.

**Final Exam Format:**

| Paper 1: Language, the Individual & Society 2.5hrs 100 marks | | Paper 2: Language Diversity and Change 2.5hrs 100 marks | |
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| **Section A** | **Section B** | **Section A** | **Section B** |
| analyse two texts for meaning and representation and compare for contextual factors | a discursive question on Child Language Acquisition | an evaluative essay on either language diversity or language change | • an analysis and comparison newspaper articles on a sociolinguistic topic<br>• directed writing task linked to the same topic |

**Self-Study Requirements:**

One hour of lesson time should result in one hour of self-study to consolidate and build understanding.

**Progression Pathways:**

English Language goes with virtually any subject. It is a highly regarded, multidisciplinary course which develops a range of skills, including critical reading, data analysis, evaluation, argument and a number of different writing skills invaluable for further study and future employment.

**Our students, beyond Stratford:**

Tyra studied English Language & Linguistics at Stratford and has gone on to Plymouth Marjon University to study Speech & Language Therapy.