

St Patrick's Academy

GCSE Subject Choice

Subject Information for students

Subject: English Language

What the subject is about

English Language is invaluable for your future no matter what you are aiming for. A good command of the spoken and written word will help you every day – and benefit all your other GCSEs too. Whatever you end up doing, English Language is a must-have subject for college, university, work and life. GCSE English Language will allow you to demonstrate the use of English in real life, investigate how language is used and draw on your own experience.

Course content and assessment schedule

Unit	Duration	% of total	Content
1 <u>EXAM</u>	2 hours	40%	<u>Understanding and producing non-fiction texts</u> Section A: <i>Reading</i> - understanding non-fiction texts Section B: <i>Writing</i> – producing non-fiction texts
2 <u>CA</u>	n/a	20%	<u>Speaking & Listening</u> Average mark based on three best assessments in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• presenting;• discussing and listening;• role-playing.
3 <u>CA</u>	n/a	40 %	<u>Understanding spoken and written texts and writing creatively</u> Part a: Extended reading Part b: Creative writing Part c: Spoken language study

Attributes needed to succeed in the course

You will succeed in English Language if you are prepared to develop your existing skills in speaking and listening, reading and writing. If you avail of the opportunities to communicate clearly and imaginatively both orally and in writing, and if you are keen to explore a variety of texts then you will have no problem in achieving a good result in this essential subject.