



# BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL SIXTH FORM

A mixed Sixth Form in a selective Grammar school for girls

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE

### COURSE CONTENT

Language is the foundation of all knowledge. Although people speak, read, and write every day, language is often taken for granted, yet it requires amazing cognitive abilities.

Through studying English Language at A Level, you will develop a deep knowledge and understanding of how the language works by exploring and analysing both spoken and written data. Studying how language has developed over time and changed is important in today's world of technology.

You will develop writing skills for real-world purposes, engaging creatively with topical issues relevant to language use. You will also look closely at the ways we acquire language as children and how contexts such as gender and the media have an impact on language use.

In Year 13, all students are required to complete an independent investigation into an aspect of language that particularly interests them.

This provides you with excellent preparation for higher education and furthers your own engagement with and enjoyment of the subject.

### PREPARATION FOR STUDYING THIS SUBJECT

- Read widely, both fiction and non-fiction.
- Watch news media, read non-fiction print media, read articles on the internet and start asking yourself how the language used changes depending on the audience or topic.

### ASSESSMENT

**Y12:** Internal examinations, preparing students for culminating A Level examination.

**Y13:** Two written examinations, each worth 40% of the A Level; an Independent Language Investigation coursework worth 20% of the A Level.

### FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

- King's College London – Law
- Birmingham City University– Speech and Language Therapy
- University of Warwick – English and Creative Writing
- King's College English
- York St John – Film and TV production
- University of Northampton – History
- City, University of London, Journalism
- University of Sheffield – English language and Literature
- University of Greenwich – International Business with Language
- Manchester Metropolitan University – English and multimedia journalism

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Full entry requirements can be found on our website. Please ensure you check these as some courses have subject specific requirements that must be met in addition to the general entry requirements to join our Sixth Form.

**QUALIFICATION:** A Level

**EXAM BOARD:** OCR

**COURSE LEADER:**  
Mrs Bell



*"It's hard work at the beginning, but the teachers help me to get a good basis in the subject. I enjoy spotting 'mistakes' and finding things that are 'linguistically interesting' now."*