



## English Language

### **One year AS/Two years A level.**

There are two main aims of the course. Firstly, it looks to develop your understanding of English language in both theory and practice. So, for example, you will analyse different texts such as magazine articles and talks and then produce your own. Secondly, the course will challenge ideas and assumptions people commonly make about English. For example, many people believe that standards in English have been declining and that people who use local accents and dialects are speaking incorrectly.

### **Requirements:**

The College minimum to start an advanced level course is one grade B and four grade Cs at GCSE. Students wishing to undertake this course require grade C or above in GCSE English Language. The student will also be expected to meet the Average Points Score for this subject.

### **This subject will focus on:**

- exploring a variety of texts both spoken and written;
- writing texts;
- child language acquisition; and
- language change.

### **You can expect to:**

- develop skills to write for a range of purposes and audiences;
- develop techniques of textual analysis;
- develop an understanding of how context affects meaning; and
- investigate an area of English of particular interest.

### **Method of assessment:**

Assessment is by examination and coursework.

### **Progression:**

The course provides the opportunity to progress to Higher Education.

### **Other information:**

English Language had a 100% pass rate at A2 and 99% at AS in 2009.

Hayley Evans (ex Brittons) achieved straight As at AS Level and is predicted the same at A Level. Hayley plans to study Linguistics at UCL.