

English Language Welcome

Hello future English Language A level student! (Or you may be someone who is re-thinking their A level choices. Please do give these activities a try... what we do in English Language A level may surprise you!)

English Language at A level bears very little resemblance to its GCSE namesake... and it's much, much better! We study everything from babies' first words to how teenagers invent new words and even where old words came from. And it's not just words! It's a subject that covers almost every other bit of the curriculum: how we make sounds (biology), why Rylan sounds different to Boris Johnson (geography), how frequently people use certain bits of language (maths), why we don't speak like Shakespeare any more (history)... the list is endless!

The booklet will give you a fantastic introduction to the different areas we cover in English Language A level. Please try to complete activities 1 to 10 at least, but hopefully by then you'll be so hooked that you'll go on to read even more!

For Activity 3, you'll need a sound file. This should be included with the email, but if not, never fear! We'll go through this when we start next year.

For Activity 9, you'll need the log in details: Username: idsallstudent, Password: oaktree. Find the emagazine here: <https://www.englishandmedia.co.uk/e-magazine/>

And if you've got any questions or you just want to say how excited you are to start studying English Language, please contact me here: ndangerfield@idsall.shropshire.sch.uk

I'm looking forward to welcoming you to the wide, wonderful (and sometimes weird) world of English Language A level next year!

Mr Dangerfield