

English Language

Description of Subject:	Rather than simply taking the native language of this country for granted, this subject allows you to investigate its development, to explore the structure and function of spoken and written English over time and to develop your own original writing and analytical skills.
Key GCSE Concepts and Skills for the A Level course:	An interest in spoken and written language, also in the ways in which English is used in different sections of society; a willingness to get to grips with English grammar; development of your own writing style.
Recommended reading/tasks:	<p>Two titles that we would particularly recommend for a general overview are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Mother Tongue; by Bill Bryson• The English Language; by David Crystal <p>Keep a diary/log of patterns of words and phrases arising from the news. Also add notes on how different public figures (e.g. Rishi Sunak, Joe Biden) in politics and the media use language relating to, for example, the conflict in Ukraine.</p> <p>It would also be a good idea to brush up your knowledge of grammar by visiting a site such as Grammar Monster at https://www.grammar-monster.com/ - which contains links to fun and helpful grammar videos.</p> <p>For more recommended reading follow the hyperlink below: https://www.parkstone.poole.sch.uk/transition-pack/</p>
Regular viewing:	<p>The school subscribes to the Emagazine, which contains many useful articles aimed at A level students of English Language and English Literature. To log in, go to the English and Media Centre website at https://www.englishandmedia.co.uk/ and select the 'emagazine' tab. Username: Parkstonian Password: Scrabble (all case-sensitive).</p> <p>Use the website https://www.massolit.io/ and use your Parkstone email address and password to login and watch videos based on 'Accent and Dialect' or 'Language and Gender'. (<i>You won't get a Parkstone email address until September.</i>)</p>
A bit of fun:	<p>Start a scrapbook (electronic or hard copy) of texts relating to language, for example, opinion pieces on slang used by teenagers, or vocabulary added to the Oxford English Dictionary. Paste in any news articles, posters, adverts, tweets, etc. containing interesting examples of language.</p>