

# Bridging Resources for Year 11 Applicants: English Language



St John Rigby College

## Welcome to: English Language.

To what extent are our cultural icons changing the English language, and who cares anyway?

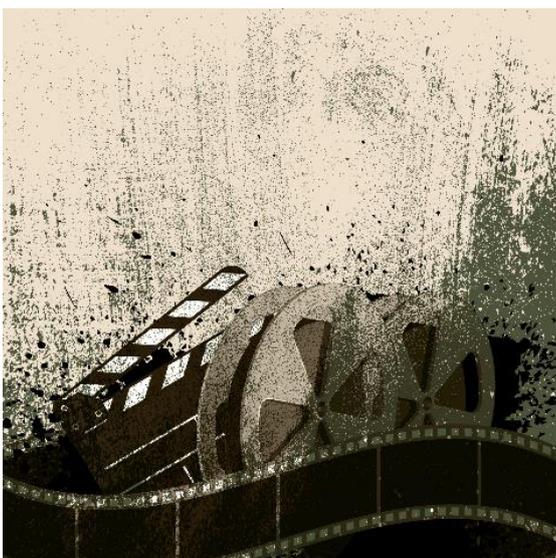
“Shut up” - our students are studying just this.

Part of your English Language coursework will be to study how language is affected by identity, culture, and gender. One student investigated how the use of English in Rap music lyrics reinforced cultural identity. Other topics have included: gender differences in language use, language and television, language of the law and language and social attitudes. The choice is yours.



## Learn how to write creatively.

On the two-year English Language, A level, you will learn how to write in the following genres: Short stories, monologues, film scripts, adverts, newspapers, magazines, reviews, guides and many more. You will also learn how to write a critical commentary that explains the language choices you have made. These skills are extremely valuable for anyone interested in a career in the creative industries.



## What does Idiolect mean?



We all have very different vocabularies. Some of us have parents who speak a different language—most, a different dialect. When we add this to our varied cultural, social, religious, and geographical characteristics, we end up with a very individual 'language print' - this is your idiolect.

### DID YOU KNOW...?

#### THESE FAMOUS PEOPLE HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON:

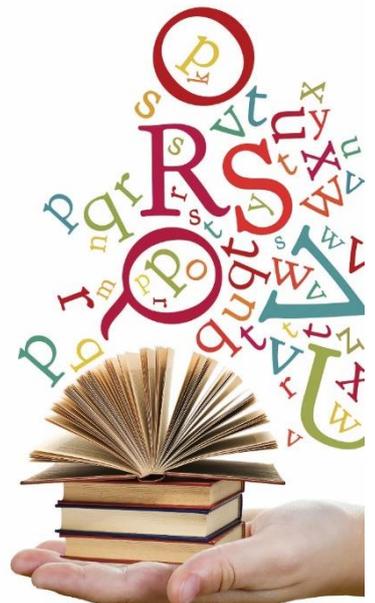
Jodie Foster   John Legend   High Grant  
Emma Watson   James Franco  
Phillip Pullman   Stephen Fry  
Dan Smith (Bastille)

### They all have English degrees!

English degrees are really valuable because they show employers your ability to read closely and carefully. Your use of language should also be very precise. Advertisers recruit students from English Language degrees as well as obvious career paths being in speech therapy, journalism and editing.

### BREAK DOWN OF THE EXAM:

- Component 1: Spoken Language and Language Issues.
- Component 2: Language over time and 21st Century English.
- Component 3: Creative and Critical Writing
- Component 4: Coursework - A language investigation of your own choice.



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