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| Course: | English Language |
| Specification and code: | AQA: A-level (7702) |
| Exam Board website: | http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/as-and-a-level/englishlanguage |
| Course outline: | <p>A Level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Component 1: Exam – Paper 1: Language, the Individual and Society ✓ Component 2: Exam – Paper 2: Language Diversity and Change ✓ Component 3: Non Examined Assessment – original writing plus language investigation |
| Essential reading, watching and researching: | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. David Crystal, The English Language – a guided tour of the language 2. Twitter: @EngLangBlog 3. Ted Talks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.ted.com/talks/claire_bowern_where_did_english_come_from • https://www.ted.com/talks/anne_curzan_what_makes_a_word_real • https://www.ted.com/talks/steven_pinker_what_our_language_habits_reveal |
| Background reading: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Recommended text book: A/AS Level English Language for AQA Student Book, ISBN: 978-1107465626 ✓ Any of David Crystal’s language books – Crystal’s ‘Encyclopaedia of the English Language’ is excellent and could become an essential reference book for you over the course. ✓ ‘Planet Word’ by J.P. Davidson which accompanies the BBC series - with a forward by Stephen Fry. ✓ Any collection of short stories e.g. ‘The Oxford Book of English Short Stories’ edited by A.S. Byatt. |
| <p><u>Summer Tasks:</u></p> <p><u>Complete</u> at least 1 task from each section.</p> <p><u>Keep</u> all of your work in a scrapbook or a folder.</p> <p><u>Bring</u> this with you to your first lesson in September.</p> | <p>Choose 1 Task to complete from this section (Paper 1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Conduct some linguistic research: is there a gender imbalance in children’s books? Explore character construction and representation, use of description, use of dialogue... ✓ The World Around You: capture images of the language of your world e.g. packaging, advertising, posters, social media threads, leaflets. Create a virtual scrapbook of examples of the language you are exposed to in everyday life. ✓ Collect different newspaper articles based on the same story. Explore how the different publications communicate story through language and layout. Analyse the headlines, the use of fact and opinion, the use of imagery, or sensationalism... <p>Choose 1 Task to complete from this section (Paper 2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Memes: capture images of memes that circulate within different social communities. Screen shot them and create a folder of examples. Explore the language and graphology (images) and how they reflect and determine social identities. ✓ Explore an online resource such as a chat room or social media page. Explore how language is used to represent individuals and different social groups. ✓ Explore, research, read and write: does accent betray class? Make notes from your reading, plan your response, write your essay. |