# SUMMER WORK ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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# SUMMER WORK FOR INTRODUCTION TO YEAR 12

#### **Course Details**

Examination and Non-exam Assessment: The course is examined as a whole at the end of Year 13. Students complete one Non-exam Assessment.

#### Paper One: Language and the Individual

English Language offers opportunities for students to develop their subject expertise by exploring key language concepts and engaging with a range of texts and discourses. In this paper they will be expected to analyse the meanings and representations shown in the synoptic texts.

In Year 2 students will also study a unit on how children acquire language for the children's language question on paper 1.

### **Paper Two: Language Varieties**

Students will study a variety of topics including language and gender and accents and dialects (in Year 1) and language and ethnicity and language change (in Year 2).

#### Non-exam Assessment (NEA)

Students must produce a 3,500 word language investigation and creative writing piece. This can be an area of specific language study.

TASK	TOPIC	
1	Language and the individual	Collect a variety of texts (at least 5). The texts should be either persuasive or informative such as a newspaper opinion article, an extract from an autobiography or a persuasive charity leaflet etc. You can use physical texts or print them from online sources but you must be able to hand in all five to your Paper 1 teacher, physically, in your first lesson.
	Language and the individual	Annotate the texts for the following:  language methods and what they suggest to the reader structure features and what they suggest to the reader who the intended reader might be and how you can tell what any graphology (images, font choices, colours etc) suggests how the subject/ topic/ focus of the texts is represented e.g.: if it is a persuasive charity leaflet, how is the charity represented and how are the people/ animals/ places that the charity supports represented?
2	Language Varieties	Read a text of your choice from the wider reading list below and produce a PowerPoint presentation to share with the class. Ensure that you include points about the following:  Key points Key language features and debates.  Accents and dialects research. Analyse and research your own accent and dialect. Make a list of all the features of your own speech patterns. Then research the features of an accent

of your choice. Consider the way the words sound and the intonation (accent) and the types of word used (dialect).

Language and occupation research. Choose an occupation such as Law and research all the language used including evidence of specialist and restricted lexis.

Look at how language is used in this workplace and make a presentation in PowerPoint.

#### WIDER READING TO PREPARE FOR COURSE

Cameron, D. (1998) The Feminist Critique of Language: Routledge Clayton, D. (2011) Attitudes to Language (Cambridge Topics in English Language)

Crystal, D. (2004) A Glossary of Netspeak and Textspeak: Edinburgh University Press

(2001) Language and the Internet: CUP

(2011) Internet linguistics: a student guide: Routledge

Pinker, S. (1995) The Language Instinct :Penguin
(2001) Words and Rules: Phoenix

#### **Helpful websites:**

Dan Clayton's website (senior AQA examiner) <a href="https://englishlangsfx.blogspot.com/">https://englishlangsfx.blogspot.com/</a>
Read articles from the *I love English Language* blog <a href="https://aggslanguage.wordpress.com/">https://aggslanguage.wordpress.com/</a>
The Guardian <a href="https://www.theguardian.com/media/mind-your-language">https://www.theguardian.com/media/mind-your-language</a>