

Year 11 English Language A Level Bridging Work

Set on Monday 27th April / Due in September 2020

Dear Year 11 Students

We are delighted that you have chosen to study English Language at A-Level with us at Highfield. English Language at A-Level is very different to the GCSE curriculum. It is full of new and exciting concepts and it teaches you how to look at language through different perspectives. The underlining idea is that language is power, and this power is what drives our communication.

To help you prepare for the course, the English and Media Centre produced a brilliant booklet called "Leaping into Language". There are 19 chapters in this booklet which offer some insight into the various topics which you will be studying throughout the 2 year A-Level course.

There are (only!) 18 weeks until the start of the new academic year in September 2020. This means that you have plenty of time to study each chapter of the booklet in depth!

Our expectation is that you study a chapter of the booklet for 2 hours per week. If you find that you get through the chapter more quickly, we would like you to explore the English Language blog: <https://englishlangsfx.blogspot.com/>. Please, remember that you can access this fantastic resource on your phone as well as your PC/laptop/tablet. Please, ensure that you save and keep all your work in order to hand it in at the beginning of the new academic year.

If you have any questions or you would prefer to submit your work weekly rather than at the beginning of September 2020, you can email Ms Bochnak-Sales and/or Mr Wilcox who will be more than happy to assist you.

If you cannot access the online or audio resources, please, do not worry. Make a note of the chapters you were unable to complete so we can cover them in September. Also, do contact us, as we might be able to help you with these.

Have fun leaping into language!

Ms Bochnak-Sales and Mr Wilcox

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Week commencing	Chapter
27 th April	1. Becoming a Student of Language
4 th May	2. Leap into Language – Language Profile
11 th May	3. Which Accents?
18 th May	4. Do We Need New Words?
25 th May	5. Language Fingerprints
1 st June	6. Key Events in Language History
8 th June	7. Textercise
15 th June	8. Running the Numbers
22 nd June	9. Explore emagazine (<i>UN: highfield / PW: emagazine</i>)
29 th June	10. Opinions and Arguments
6 th July	11. Opinions in the Media
13 th July (last week of term)	12. emagClips: Linguists in the Frame
20 th July (summer holiday)	13. A Language Diary
27 th July	14. Language on the Page
3 rd August	15. Language for your Ears
10 th August	16. Online Resources
17 th August	17. Explore a Uni-Style Lecture
24 th August	18. Big Questions about Language
31 st August (new academic year)	19. The Future – You and the English Language