

YEAR 13 ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to our Year 13 students and their parents, guardians and carers. We hope you enjoyed a well-deserved summer break and are ready for the academic year ahead.

In Year 12, students worked hard to complete the Non-Examined Assessment (NEA) portfolio and explore the key content for Language Paper 2. This foundation will serve them well as they move into the final stage of their A Level studies.

During Terms 1 and 2 of Year 13, the focus will shift to Language Paper 1. Students will develop their analytical skills by studying a range of texts, refining their ability to examine language and meaning in depth. This preparation is designed to equip them fully for the trial examinations in January, which will provide valuable experience ahead of the summer examination series.

We look forward to a productive and rewarding year, and to seeing each student reach their full potential. This termly newsletter aims to provide you with key information and guidance to support students in being successful in A Level English Language. Should you have any further questions, please email the relevant staff member directly using the contact details provided to the right.

Best wishes,

The English Team

Equipment list

Students will be provided with **exercise books** for their lessons. Students must write in lessons; **no electronic devices (e.g. laptops)** are allowed unless a student also types in exams. Students should bring **pens and highlighters** to lessons.

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Lesson, home learning and intervention schedule



Lessons

- Monday periods 6–7: Mrs Morrell
- Wednesday period 3: Ms Morrison
- Wednesday period 4: Mrs Morrell
- Friday period 1: Ms Morrison
- Friday period 2: Mrs Morrell

Home Learning

- Ms Morrison: set and due every Friday
- Mrs Morrell: set and due every Monday

Intervention

- Intervention sessions will begin in Term 2 (November) on Friday lunchtimes in MF5.

What are students studying with Ms Morrison this term?

This term, students will study Child Language Acquisition, focusing on how children develop spoken language between the ages of 0 and 10. The course will examine the functions of speech, alongside common features of early language such as phonological patterns, vocabulary development, and grammatical structures. Students will engage with a range of theoretical perspectives, including behaviourism, cognitive approaches, nativism, and interactionism, in order to evaluate different explanations of how children acquire language. Analysis of transcribed conversations between adults and children will form a central part of the course, alongside the development of academic essay writing skills.

What are students studying with Mrs Morrell this term?

Students will study a wide range of unseen non-fiction texts drawn from different subjects, writers, audiences, purposes, genres, modes, times and places. In analysing these texts, they will explore how language is shaped by audience, purpose, context, genre and mode, and how it constructs meaning, representations and relationships. This exploration will involve applying methods of language analysis to examine identity, audience positioning, textual functions, structures, organisation, and the production of representations across diverse forms of communication.

Home home, revision and wider reading

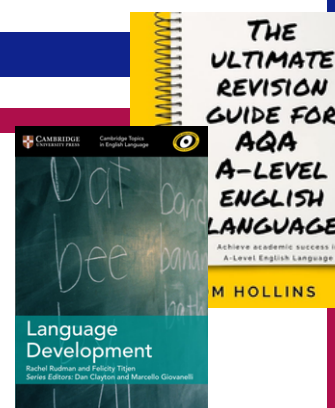
In addition to revision quizzes, we often use Massolit, Babel e-magazine and the EMC e-magazine for home learning and wider reading. Students will have accounts from Year 12, but the details can also be found below.

Alongside these online resources, all students will benefit from purchasing:

- 'The Ultimate Revision Guide for AQA A-Level English Language' by Tom Hollins.

More advanced students may also benefit from purchasing:

- 'Text Analysis and Representation' (Cambridge Topics in English Language) by Ian Cushing
- 'Language Development' (Cambridge Topics in English Language) by Rachel Rudman



Babel Magazine

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School for Boys

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EMC e-magazine

<https://www.englishhandmedia.co.uk/emc-magazines/>

Username:
NSB1911

Password:
NSBENGLISH

MASSOLIT

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- 2) Pick your school or college from the drop-down list (type the first few letters to save time!)
- 3) Enter your SCHOOL email address and click the SIGN UP button.
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