



English Language Curriculum Overview - Year 12 - Teacher A

	Unit	Details
Autumn One	Introduction to Basic Grammar and Multimodality	Beginning with the nitty gritty of how our language works, we will consider what makes a spoken text and look at a variety of spoken texts so that students feel confident when presented with different contexts. We will also consider the idea of comparing texts that are in different modes so that students are preparing for the exam.
Autumn Two	Written and Spoken Texts	With a focus on accent and dialect, we will consider to what extent the way that we talk and communicate impact someone's perception of us. We will examine how we "accommodate" our speech to include or exclude people and how a conversation develops (or disintegrates). With a focus on accent we will consider how far that helps to build a personal identity and why accents seem to be dying out as time goes on.
Spring One	Language and the Media	Thinking about all of the different types of media that we consume on a daily basis, we will consider how the media might manipulate us into believing certain opinions. We will consider traditional print based media and more modern social media, as well as film and television. We will examine how the media reinforces ideas around gender and power and how changing media helps and hinders the production and consumption of news.
Spring Two	Language of Technology	In this module we will think about how technology has impacted the way in which we communicate and consider key theorists such as David Crystal. Taking into account the fast moving world that we live in, we will consider technologies such as traditional printed press, email, text messaging and social media and the way in which it impacts personal and societal language choices. We will also think about people's opinions of these technologies – does fear of change stop development?
Summer One	Introduction to Language Change	We will take into consideration the history of the English Language and how we have come to the language we know and love today. Thinking about historical wars, invasions and power dynamics in court, all the way to new technologies, TikTok and mobile devices, we will examine how our language has, and continues to, change.
Summer Two	Preparation for mock exams	As we are only part way through the course, the mock exam is a combination of questions that assess the knowledge and understanding of areas covered in Year 12.