English Language 'A' Level   Transition 2021 - 2022

Dear students,

Welcome to the English Language 'A' Level course.

KS5 study will be very different from what you've previously done. There's a lot more of an expectation for you to take the initiative and structure your independent learning sensibly. You will be expected to come to lessons prepared to discuss and share your ideas, starting from the very first lesson in September.

Over the summer we would like you to create a Language Scrapbook (see the next page for details and examples) so that you can introduce yourself to the class by sharing what you find interesting about language.

There is no expectation for you to go away and learn fancy terminology (we can do that in class!) but we would like you to show us what really motivates your interest in the subject. Please remember that you have chosen to do this course, so take the opportunity to explain why.

Any questions then please do not hesitate to contact us. Otherwise, we'll see you in September,

Mrs Harvey and Mrs Barnard

Creating your scrapbook

You'll need to either buy yourself a scrapbook, or come and ask us for one in the English department. Over the summer be on the lookout for interesting texts and as you find them either stick them directly into the scrapbook or take a picture to print and stick in later. Think of this as being a little like a non-electronic Pinterest for language! Annotate the texts with notes as to why you find them interesting; how the creator has used language for a specific effect; who the text has been produced *for*; who the text has been produced *by*; *why* the text has been produced etc.

Texts can include (but are not limited to): leaflets, posters, extracts from newspapers and magazines, pictures of billboards, road signs, song lyrics, quotations from books, poetry, novel openings, food packets, ingredients labels, website pages, speeches, public notices, text messages, children's books, any transcript, and extracts from scripts. Basically anything that you can 'read' can go in the scrapbook!

For example: