



## Homework in English at A Level: A Level English Language

Homework at A Level is fundamental to students' success and to their transition to becoming more independent learners. This independent work allows students to develop their own confident knowledge and understanding of the topics and texts and to engage with the increasingly academic content of the course. Homework tasks at A Level will:

- allow students to prepare for forthcoming lessons by completing reading or preparatory research tasks;
- build on and reinforce learning from class: recap and revision of content, key themes, ideas;
- develop students' independent learning skills through extended projects and other opportunities which require research skills;
- allow students to consolidate the skills required for examinations and develop their own academic essay writing style.

### How much homework is set?

- **A Level:** Students will be set homework in most lessons that will reinforce learning in a lesson, or help to prepare the students for coming lessons. Essays will also be set regularly. They will also have a schedule of work to complete in Private Study.

## Homework Activities and Tasks

### A Level: English Language

We aim to use a range of homework activities to develop, deepen or extend our students' learning and understanding of taught topics:

- **Research tasks:** To support the topics covered, students may be asked to research around the topic area in preparation for a lesson or to consolidate their learning of a topic. For example, linguistic studies or concepts.
- **Reading up to date articles:** A Level English Language is very much about the world around us, and we regularly ask students to read relevant articles from broadsheet newspapers on issues and attitudes explored on the course.
- **Tasks to apply new knowledge:** These activities might include consolidation of new information learnt in a lesson e.g. presentations to the class, creation of handouts, or discussions on SMH.
- **Exam style questions:** This homework is set in accordance with the AQA exam board and helps the students to develop their exam technique and understand the range of exam questions they will face. Often we will scaffold the essay with a two-part planning and checking process.
- **Non-Examined Assessment (NEA):** Students have to complete Non-Examined Assessments as part of the course – they will be given specific tasks and deadlines to complete work. This is similar to what used to be known as coursework.
- **Reading lists:** Students will be issued with a reading list with all the units covered in the A Level course and private study schedule to help facilitate their independent skills and develop a love of learning, and the subject.

### Sixth Form Private Study Tasks

Students are expected to use their private study sessions to complete relevant work each week. These private study tasks will be issued to students on a termly basis and this will be monitored by their teacher.

### Support from Parents and Carers

Parental support continues to be an important contributor to success at A Level. In particular, where NEA deadlines are concerned, liaison between school, student and home is important in ensuring that students remain on track.