**EnGlish**

A2 English Language Summer Work

Language Investigation

1. Reading around the subject you have chosen is essential before you are able to start your coursework as it should be based on or informed by previous studies (secondary sources). An example would be: for a comparison of the tweets and the blog entries for a celebrity, you would need to read everything you can about the effect technology has on language. You must ensure that your secondary sources are relevant to your project. Speak to your teacher if you are unsure about this. Possible secondary sources:-
* Library – online and the actual library. Start with the AS textbook. Emagazine has lots of articles on technology and can be accessed via the library page on GOL
* Your local library. Inter-library loan allows you to order books from all over the country
* Online – e.g. David Crystal talking to an interviewer about twitter. Lectures from universities are often posted online. Test out the reliability!
* Use Google Scholar to find academic journals/essays
* Youtube can have videos of interviews which might be useful.
1. Write a research review of the secondary sources you have read over the summer… aim for about 10 (these sources will be used throughout the investigation and will then feature in your bibliography). Take each source, summarise what it is and how useful it is – how relevant is it to the investigation you are going to do? You can simply list them under headings and write a little blurb for each one. It is best to evaluate a secondary source’s reliability on a scale of 1-10. You could do this in grid format (see below)

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| Author, title, date and place of publication | Synopsis | Relevance (1-10) and explanation | Reliability (1-10) and explanation |
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1. Get hold of some primary sources (your own collection of texts or spoken interaction), remembering that you need a constant and a variable! If your source is spoken, you must have it transcribed before September.

It is essential that you complete this work over the summer in order to be accepted into the second year. Coursework will start in September so you must be prepared.

Happy investigating!

The Language Team