**Language Investigation Research Log**

All academic research must be underpinned by previous research and the investigation is no exception. You must, therefore, read/listen to at least six academic sources before you collect your data or start to write anything. In order to be prepared to start the coursework as soon as you return to College, you need to gather your sources and log six weeks of reading. Feel free to start this before the summer holidays, to give yourself some time off, but you must commit to six weeks of research or your investigation will show a lack of knowledge which cannot be compensated for later in the course.

You are not expected to read a whole collection of essays in a book; just find the relevant chapters and stick to them. Your research could be a chapter from a book, a journal (see Google Scholar), an article if it’s by a specialist (see *emagazine*) or a recorded interview with a linguist. Once you have six reliable pieces of research, logged below, you are ready to consider a methodology of your own and collect some data.

**The data and research log will need to be handed to your teacher in the first week of the autumn term.** Enjoy your reading!

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| Progress | Author, Title and Year and Place of Publication | Relevant Knowledge/Quotations |
| Week 1 |  |  |
| Week 2 |  |  |
| Week 3 |  |  |
| Week 4 |  |  |
| Week 5 |  |  |
| Week 6 |  |  |

With a greater awareness of your area of research, rethink your methodology before collecting data:

Who/what will you find/record?

How many texts/recordings will you need?

Are these texts/recordings comparable i.e. have you eliminated all but one variable?

Will this data give you a reliable answer to your research question?

Once you’ve answered these questions, and feel confident that you’re choosing appropriate data, gather it and transcribe any original spoken data. Your teacher will check this but, assuming it’s sufficient, you should now be ready to start your coursework…

English Language Investigation Proposal Form

**EnGlish**

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Student Number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Area(s) of interest

Proposed Methodology

Proposed title/investigation question

Details of **data** to be collected

PTO

Wider Reading – Minimum of 6 books/articles/web resources

**Student Declaration**

I hereby agree that, subject to agreement of this proposal by my teacher, I will collect a viable amount of data and will provide notes drawn from 6 wider reading texts/articles/videos by the first lesson of the A2 year. I do not expect to be able to continue with this course if I have not achieved this summer work.

Write your name and the date:

**To be completed by the teacher** and returned to student by the last lesson of summer term:-

Subject to suggested amendments (where necessary) I approve this investigation.

Name and date when investigation was agreed: