

St Mary Redcliffe and Temple 6th Form

Year 11 into 12 transition task



Subject: ENGLISH LANGUAGE

SMRT 6th Form takes students from a wide range of schools, who have studied a variety of GCSE syllabuses. We want to ensure that everybody is equally able to access the content of the A Level and so the following tasks give you a chance to ensure you are fully prepared.

At SMRT we have used the Eduqas syllabus at GCSE. This is accessible from the exam board website, but we don't expect you to have looked at it.

To ensure you are ready to fully access the A Level Syllabus you should attempt these tasks:

Section A - Essential

Students are to read **two** of the articles below and make notes to show that they have understood the key points and argument.

Students must prepare a short presentation about what the article contains and their own views on the topic. This should last about 4 minutes for each text and will be presented to three or four students in lessons.

1. <https://theconversation.com/the-americanisation-of-the-english-language-a-frightfully-subtle-affair-86348> (about how the American language affects the English Language)
2. <https://theconversation.com/from-opening-the-kimono-to-incentivizing-the-war-against-corporate-buzzwords-rages-on-92657> (about how buzzwords come about and why people use them)
3. <https://theconversation.com/the-grammar-police-belong-in-the-18th-century-lets-not-inflict-their-rules-on-todays-children-57606> (why teaching grammar to school children might not be a good idea)

Section B - Desirable

Accents – much of the course is looking at the way people in different social groups speak. Some groups use non-standard English.

- 1 Find 20 words and phrases that make up part of the Bristol Dialect – non-standard words.
- 2 Find 20 words and phrases that you use that may be slang amongst your friends.
- 3 Create a questionnaire about people's attitude to the Bristol accent and certain words.

Section C - Challenge

Find out what Received Pronunciation is. Start here:

<https://www.bl.uk/british-accent-and-dialects/articles/received-pronunciation>

but look elsewhere.

- 3 Write a short essay (6-700 words) about the definition of Received Pronunciation, its roots and what it means if you speak with Received Pronunciation.