Year 11

Resources to help you prepare for English, Media and MFL A Level







Complete this course

on screenwriting, which includes learning the characteristics of screen stories, structure, character development and the writing process.

An Introduction to Screenwriting

University of East Anglia



Listen to this radio programme, hosted by

Mariella Frostrop, and hear from authors on their latest publication and what influences their writing. There are 537 episodes available! Open Book

Or if you don't want to listen to full episodes, the BBC have also produced a compilation of clips and best bits.

Open Book Clips

BBC Sounds



Watch this TED talk in which Christopher Warner sets the record

straight on what irony $\underline{\text{really}}$ is.

<u>Situational Irony: The opposite of</u> what you think

TED Talks – Christopher Warner



Listen to this podcast which provides a fascinating

exploration into how spoken and written language gives criminals away and helps to solve crimes. This podcast is part of a wider series called 'Word of Mouth' by Michael Rosen, and there are lots of other episodes available if you like this one.

Forensic Linguistics

BBC Sounds



Read this free e-book

which provides a brilliant survey of the

history of the supernatural genre by renowned author H.P.Lovecraft.

<u>Supernatural Horror in Literature</u>



Watch this TED talk in which lexicographer Erin McKean explores

how we can manipulate language to express ourselves better.

Go ahead, make up new words!

TED Talks – Erin McKean



Read this article about Tottenham Hotspur's protests about the

OED's definition of the Y-word.

The point of dictionaries is to describe how language is used, not to police it The Guardian



Watch this TED talk

which presents a compelling argument for why you should bother to learn a new language.

4 reasons to learn a new language

TED Talks – John McWhorter



Read this article which, although very long, is a booklist that details all

of the books covered on the BBC Sounds Open Book episodes – so it will help you decide what you want to listen to first.

BBC Sounds Booklist

BBC Programmes



Watch this TED talk,

presented in Spanish with English subtitles,

which asks the question: does spelling matter in this day and age?

Should we simplify spelling?

TED Talks – Karina Galperin



Complete this course

which is ideal for any student who is going to

start A level English Language or A Level English Language and Literature in 2020.

An Introduction to Sociolinguistics: Accents, Attitudes and Identity

University of York Starts 13th July



Watch this TED talk

which explores how we

can communicate effectively in nonverbal ways, using pictures and 'maps' to represent meaning.

A word game to communicate in any language

TED Talks – Ajit Narayanan



Complete this course

which will help build your skills of literary

analysis and creative writing by exploring the meaning of fairy tales.

<u>Fairy Tales: Meaning, Messages, and</u> Morals

The University of Newcastle, Australia



Read this article on how you can harness the power of storytelling.

Storytelling is a powerful communication tool

Ideas TED



Watch this TED talk

which poses important questions about

storytelling and culture. Is there a danger if we hear only a single story about another person or country? Do we need overlapping stories to form our opinion to avoid misunderstanding?

The danger of a single story

TED Talks — Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie