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Sixth Form Pre-Course Task

Welcome to A level English Language. On this course you will analyse how representations are made in texts and how English is used differently depending on many factors. The first task, set below is asking you to think about your own language and why you use it in the way you do.

In preparation for you joining us in September, please complete the following pre-course tasks where you will have the opportunity to showcase your prior knowledge, skills and to outline your specific areas of interest within this subject area more widely.

**You can write your responses directly into the boxes provided or type your responses on a separate document.*

TASK 1: Tell us how this subject links to your future aspirations.
For example, this might be the career you'd like to enter into or the apprenticeship/university course you'd like to pursue.

Useful website for careers guidance:

https://www.ucas.com/explore/search/courses?query=
https://www.ucas.com/careers-advice
https://findapprenticeshiptraining.apprenticeships.education.gov.uk/courses
https://uk.indeed.com/
https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/

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TASK 2- Research: What does the word “idiolect” mean?

TASK 3-Written task (word count 300-500 words):
Describe your own idiolect. Think about how it changes according to the situation you are in. Explain how and why you have developed your particular idiolect.

Pre-course reading recommendations:
Listen to an episode of the BBC Radio 4 programme Word of Mouth:
https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qtnz/episodes/downloads

Reading:
Mother Tongue by Bill Bryson
Guy Deutscher Through the Language Glass- why the world looks different in other languages

If you have any questions about this course or require any further information on the tasks set above, please contact Brandon Turner-Frank by emailing bturner-frank@budmouth-aspirations.org.

Please note that all pre-course tasks should be handed to your subject teacher by **Friday 11th September**, if these have been typed then please print them out before handing in.

We look forward to working alongside you and seeing all you can achieve on this course.