Dear A Level Language student,



A personal anthology of short texts

We are very pleased that you have signed up to study A Level English Language next year.

While you are enjoying the summer, we would like you to do some preparatory work for this exciting course. As part of the course, you will be looking at a wide variety of texts from all sorts of different contexts. Please collect twelve different texts of your own, then cut them out and stick them onto A4 paper. Here are some types of text you could choose:

- advert,
- health leaflet,
- a photo of a notice in the street,
- the back of a cereal packet, poem,
- song,
- photocopy of a first page of a children's story,
- dictionary entry,
- a receipt,
- a transcript of a speech,
- email,
- text message,
- instant message and so on!

Collate all twelve *in an ordinary A4 ring binder*. When you arrive in September we will use these texts in our first lessons. For each text decide on its genre (type of text), audience (who it is aimed at – age, gender, level of education) and purpose (inform, entertain, advise, instruct, persuade). Write this *on the back* of the A4 sheet.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries about this holiday task.

Recommended Reading: Language Handbook (2nd Edition) – Key Thinkers on Key Topics. EMC.

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Looking forward to meeting you in the Autumn!

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