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2 GCSE QUALIFICATIONS

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Unit 1 (20%) – Oracy (non – examination assessment)

Task 1: Individual Research Presentation (10%)

Task 2: Responding and Interacting (10%)

Unit 2 (40%) – Description Narration and Exposition

2 hour exam in June 2020

Unit 3 (40%) – Argumentation, Persuasion and Instructional

2 hour exam in June 2020

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Unit 1 (35%): Prose from Different Cultures and Contemporary Poetry

2 hour exam in May 2019

Unit 2a (40%): Literary Heritage Drama and Contemporary Prose

2 hour exam in May 2020

Unit 3 (25%) Shakespeare and Welsh Writing

Non –examination assessment

UNIT 1: INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATION

LEISURE

Persuade an audience to take up a sport or hobby that you are interested in.

Can the wage of a footballer ever be justified?

Currently, 1 in 4 children are overweight or obese – what could be done to combat this?

44% of teenagers listed online gaming as their favourite hobby as opposed to 8% of teenagers who listed sport – to what extent do teenagers need to be more active in their spare time?

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Is technology having a detrimental impact on the teens of today?

'Earth does not belong to us; we belong to earth' – to what extent are we responsible for looking after the world we live in?

CCDL – invasion of privacy or ensuring safety?

WALES

Who would be an effective and appropriate ambassador to represent Wales?

Is the Welsh Baccalaureate a useful and relevant qualification for teenagers?

Should we abolish the Welsh language from the curriculum?

WORLD OF WORK

Give a talk about your dream job.

Unequal pay for men and women doing the same job has been illegal for 40 years but overall the gender gap in the UK still stands at 18% - to what extent is it important that the government tackles this issue?

65% of today's students are preparing for jobs that don't even exist yet – to what extent is work experience relevant to 16 year olds?

All teenagers should have a part time job – to what extent do you agree?

CITIZENSHIP

Persuade an audience to support a charity of your choice.

Should the voting/driving/smoking age be lowered to 16?

Government – friend or foe?

Litter – how big a problem is it?

You have one week to prepare for a discussion on this topic.

In your groups, discuss some, or all, of these points:

- litter makes our neighbourhoods look disgusting
- young people are the main culprits when it comes to littering
- a huge amount of time and money is spent by local councils clearing litter
- litter is polluting our beaches and the countryside



This picture shows litter pickers on Snowdon.

Mount Snowdon, the highest point in Wales, has been left in a terrible state by litter louts, says one local resident who was angry when he came across the scene. "The key thing about this particular issue is a lot of people are blaming the cafe and the railway but it's not their fault. It's people who are walking up there to get to the summit. What would be really nice is to try to educate people to take a plastic bag with you and take your rubbish down. It's not rocket science. The more people see it and realise what they are doing is ruining the environment, then perhaps they'll think twice about leaving their rubbish."

Extract from a letter to the South Wales Argus

Due to indifferent politicians and councils that have butchered budgets, many areas of Wales now have even worse littering problems than ever before.

Of course it is because of the large minority of morons that don't care, or are so lazy and arrogant they bizarrely think it is someone else's responsibility to pick their rubbish up, that the problem is so bad in the first place.

Article from the October 2016 Edition of Torfaen Talks

The council is investing in its street cleaning service, and creating five dedicated area-based teams to tackle litter hotspots. The Streetscene teams carry out jobs such as clearing litter and flytipping, emptying bins, grass cutting, shrub and hedge maintenance, and clearing weeds and overgrowth.

Major blitz to tackle Cardiff's litter problem

Cardiff City Council's Love Where You Live campaign aims to keep the streets of the city clean by adopting a zero tolerance approach to littering. Introducing neighbourhood blitzes, raising awareness of recycling, educating students and displaying a personal thank you on billboards across the city for those who help clamp down on littering.



SHOCKING VIDEO SHOWS THE AMOUNT OF LITTER LEFT AT WELSH BEAUTY SPOTS

Brecon Mountain Rescue Team has posted a video to highlight the importance of rubbish not being dumped in rural locations. The team says litter throughout the neighbouring national park is a problem.

The video shows a helicopter trying to land to assist an injured motorcyclist to hospital and throwing up huge amounts of litter from the ground.

STIMULUS SHEET

Year 10:

Autumn Term (September to Christmas):

- Language question types: find and locate, find and deduce, summarise and synthesis
- Individual Research Presentation (10%)
- Poetry controlled assessment (12.5%)

Spring Term (January to Easter)

- 'Of Mice and Men' and unseen poetry
- Mock examination

Summer Term (April – July)

- Exam preparation and external exam in May 2019 (35%)
- 'An Inspector Calls'

Year 11:

Autumn Term (September to Christmas):

- English Language question types
- Responding and interacting group discussion (10%)
- Shakespeare controlled assessment (12.5%)

Spring Term (January to Easter)

- English Language question types
- Speaking and Listening resits (if needed)
- 'Heroes' and exam preparation

Summer Term (April – July)

- Literature exam preparation with external exam in May 2020
- English Language question types and exam preparation with external exam in June 2020

How can

you

help?

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Unit 1: Speaking and Listening



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Stimulus

1. Read the paragraph below and answer the questions that follow.

Keeping an eye on what you're cooking is ____ (1) ____ when preparing everything from weekday dinners to holiday meals. "Cooking fires – particularly those caused by unattended cooking – are the leading cause of home fires and fire injuries, so it's really important to pay attention," says Lorraine Carli, spokesperson for the National Fire ____ (2) ____ Association.

a. Circle the word below that best fits gap (1).

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b. Circle the word below that best fits gap (2).

Cover Defence Insurance Protection

PROOF-READING (97)

The following is part of a speech to Year 11 students about to leave school. There are five errors in it. The errors relate to punctuation, grammar, sentence structure and spelling. Locate and correct them.

Fellow students, have you ever felt the dread of thinking about leaving school? In a recent survey carried out by the school council, 70 percent of us have felt the anxiety of leaving school.

Not sure where to take you're A Levels? Uncertain of whether an apprenticeship is best for you? Or should you go into full time employment?

The time has come for the fear to stop. Today together we must all seek the advice of those who know best. We must all discuss our future with a careers counsellor. They are hear to here our thoughts, our feelings and our dreams.

Sloths

The woman who lost a dog and gained 200 sloths

Monique Pool first fell in love with sloths when she took in an orphan from a rescue centre. Since then many sloths have spent time in her home on their way back to the forest – but even she found it hard to cope when she had to rescue 200 at once.



It all began in 2005 when Pool lost her dog, a mongrel called Sciolo, and called the Animal Protection Society to see if they'd found it. They hadn't, but they told her about Lucia, a baby three-toed sloth they didn't know how to look after. Pool offered to take it – and was instantly smitten. "They're very special animals to look at," she says. "They always have a smile on their face and seem so tranquil and peaceful."

3. In your own words, summarise what the charity can do with the donations they receive. You should find four points.

This is a summarising question. You must select information from the text and convey it in your own words. Do not just copy from the text.

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