

English Language



Read

- 'How Language Works', David Crystal (2008)
- 'Language and Gender', Felicity Titjen (2018)

Watch

- Stephen Fry's Planet Word (via Netflix or BBC iPlayer) – Fry explores various phenomenon in the English Language.
- Babies (2020) available on Netflix. An exploration of how babies begin to learn language.

Websites

- [Andrew Moore's resource site home page - default \(universalteacher.org.uk\)](http://universalteacher.org.uk) – a useful site relating to the course and may be one to bookmark and revisit
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/voices/> - useful for accent and dialect with lots of audio clips from around the UK

Subscriptions

Remember that if you have been accepted onto the 16-19 Bursary, Thirsk Sixth Form College can support you with academic subscriptions

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Listen

- Listen to 'Word of Mouth' with Michael Rosen. This Radio 4 programme on BBC iplayer has an archive of over 100 half-hour episodes about English language issues: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b04v382j>
- The History of English podcast – for a full adventure into the timeline of our language <https://historyofenglishpodcast.com/episodes/>

Visit

- Science Museum, Exhibition Road, London. Language and science are inherently linked. Much of our understanding of how we make language is rooted in scientific understanding; such as John Martin's 1862 writing machine for blind people or a Columbian printing press from 1837.
- Seven Stories | The National Centre for Children's Books, an excellent resource for understanding Child Language Acquisition and engaging for big kids too! <https://www.sevenstories.org.uk>

Courses

- MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) – learn about your interests and bolster your CV. Three main providers are:
 - ✓ [FutureLearn: Online Courses and Degrees from Top Universities](#)
 - ✓ [edX | Free Online Courses by Harvard, MIT, & more | edX](#)
 - ✓ [Open Learning - OpenLearn - Open University](#)

Just make sure you look for the free courses. You can complete some courses and only have to pay to receive the certificate.

If you are a Bursary student, remember that the Student Discretionary Bursary can pay for certification or courses.

Competitions

- We would love to hear of any competitions or suggest your own challenge for us to take on in Sixth Form.

Apps

Look out for an etymology app such as:

- Etymology Dictionary Offline - the study of the origin of words and the way in which their meanings have changed throughout history.
- Etymology Explorer
- Etymonline English Dictionary - the official, complete app of Douglas Harper's Online Etymology Dictionary, with useful features to help you understand

Work experience ideas

The local library is always looking for help. Try getting involved with their young reader scheme over the summer holiday – you may have taken part yourself, years ago?

Contact publishing houses, to see what opportunities there are.

