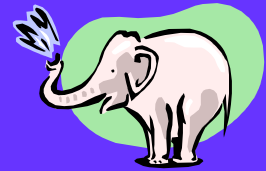


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## Secondary English

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WELCOME TO 2009!

I hope you had a restful Christmas holiday and are looking forward to the SAT-free term.

### Information

This is the box that normally has SATs information in it!  
What will we have to talk about?



"He's disappointingly slow at marking the SATs"

Just a reminder that teacher assessed Levels will be required in the Summer term, as before really. I would get these from APP for reading and writing.

Also to remind you of the usefulness of the progression maps. These are electronic and give you targets and suggested teaching activities for levels 2-6 in both reading and writing. They can be accessed through:

<http://tfe.org.uk/literacy/secondarystrategy/progressionmaps/>

[www.tfe.org.uk](http://www.tfe.org.uk)

This website is being redesigned so that it is more useful and easier to use. There will be a pupil revision section on it so any of those podcasts you're merrily making would look nice here! If you type: <http://tfe.org.uk/literacy> it will take you straight to the English pages.

### Training

Next HoDs days are **5th February** and **12th May**. The first one will focus on the revised APP materials so it is vital that someone attends from each department (attendance was the lowest ever at the last one). Remember that you can always extend the invitation to attend to your Line Manager as well if you wish.

All English training is at The Literacy Centre. Phone number to book / confirm attendance is **323150**.

It is really important to confirm your attendance at courses and Heads of English days so that refreshments / dinners can be ordered. We have had to cancel a few courses this term because no one replied but then some turned up on the day so it could have run.

### Functional Skills

Modules 1 and 2 are being run together on **March 9th** and will cover lesson planning and teaching and learning. Modules 3 and 4 are being run together on **29th April** and will cover assessment and Entry Level to Level 1.

A separate planning day is being offered on **10th June** so that you have time to get schemes of work written.

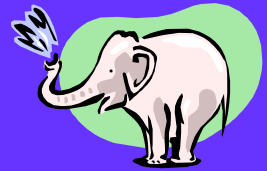
This training is aimed at those schools who are piloting diplomas from Sept '09 but I strongly advise that all schools attend. All schools in this LA, bar three, may be offering diplomas from Sept '09 so planning needs to start this academic year.

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## Secondary English and Literacy Across the Curriculum

### Conferences

There is one regional conference this year at **Doncaster Holiday Inn**. It is for any teacher of English, old or new, and is **on 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> May**. Details of workshops to follow.

The annual NATE conference this year is entitled '*Creativities Setting Free the Spirit of English*'. It is being held at the Hinckley Island Hotel, Leicestershire from **Saturday April 4 to Monday April 6**. I have the full conference brochure if you want to see it or you can look at it online at: <http://www.nate.org.uk/cmsfiles/conference%202009/Conf%20broch.pdf>

I am able to fund anyone who wants to go but please let me know asap if you are interested.

### Meetings

The next English meeting is on **17<sup>th</sup> March** and the next Literacy Across the Curriculum meeting is on **4<sup>th</sup> March**.

Both meetings are from **4-5pm** at **The Literacy Centre**.

Remember that these meetings are for anyone to attend. They are informal and allow you the opportunity to discuss issues / ideas of your choice.

### Prizes

I have again bought **prizes for each school for the highest marks** in the following:

#### KS4

- overall Literature mark
- overall Language mark

There are four prizes so thought that you could

award them to top boy and top

girl rather than to Year 9. Schools can decide

the winners for themselves and award the

prizes. Please advertise this fact to pupils.



### !!!STOP PRESS!!!

I have got a class set of 'ActivExpressions' for use with interactive whiteboards.

They are similar to 'ActiVote' except that pupils can text words rather than A, B, C, D. Useful for brainstorming ideas for starters.

Let me know if you would like to borrow them.



### Literacy and the Revised Curriculum

Literacy across the curriculum is still in the revised National Curriculum and can be found by looking under the 'general requirements' section of the revised curriculum website. It is called 'use of language across the curriculum'.

### Theatre Groups



Good progress has been made with getting a 'menu' of theatre groups for you to choose from. Details at the Heads of English day.