

ENGLISH FOREIGN LANGUAGE, YEARS IV-VII

The study of English as a foreign language is intended to give access to a worldwide medium of communication and to a great heritage of literature. It should develop the pupil's cognitive powers and at the same time allow his personality to evolve and mature. It should contribute to his perception of the world through the medium of a linguistic system, taking individual needs and national background into account, and provide some insight into attitudes and ways of life.

Specifically the courses aim at enabling pupils

- to understand generally accepted forms of spoken English;
- to speak the language in a readily intelligible manner - with acceptably accurate pronunciation, intonation and usage - and to acquire the ability to discuss topics of general and particular interest, within the limits of what can reasonably be expected from the study of a second, third or fourth language;
- to understand modern English writing;
- to express himself in writing in accordance with acceptable usage and with a degree of accuracy commensurate with his years of experience of the language; and
- to acquire some insight into the societies and cultures of the English-speaking world.

THE MAIN COURSE

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6th and 7th years :

There will be greater emphasis on reading and writing skills, arising from essential oral work. Increased stress will be put on study skills - on scanning, not-making, the writing of reports etcetera - and on the development of fluency and powers of exposition. Grammar work will be done for remedial purposes. With the guidance of their teacher pupils will be obliged to choose four books for private reading. A fifth book to be studied by the class will be prescribed.

#### The material studied

Written material selected for the 6th and 7th year course will include a variety of styles and registers : poetry, drama and prose - formal and informal, journalistic, literary. More use will be made of authentic, unabridged material, not only texts but also recorded radio and television programmes, newspapers, magazines, films. It will be appropriate for some of the material to relate to the work of classes in other subjects.

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