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Summer Preparation Booklet

LANGUAGES
SUBJECT LISTED:

- Arabic [AS]
- Chinese [AS]
- Urdu [AS]
- Intensive English
Arabic [AS]
What are the main features of this course?
This is now a two-year course leading to an A-level in Arabic Language from EDEXCEL. The full A-level is made up of 3 exams taken at the end of the second year of study. Paper 1: Translation into English, reading comprehension and writing (research question) in Arabic, Paper 2: Translation into Arabic and written response to works and Paper 3: Listening, reading and writing in Arabic.

Hours of lessons per week: 5

Indicative group size: 20

How is the course assessed?
The course is assessed through three exams at the end of your second year of study. In addition there will be regular exam question assessments to prepare you for the exam.

Where can I go next?
On completing this course successfully in conjunction with other subjects, the student might go on to study a degree in Arabic, Islamic studies, Oriental Studies, Languages or Education. In a combination, A-level Arabic can get you to university to study any subject. This course also provides a chance to work with local communities. Employment in Arab countries can be easier with A Level Arabic. The chance of obtaining a place in a university in Arab countries to study Arabic or Islamic studies will also be improved by studying this course.

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What can I expect from AS/A Level Arabic?

The Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in Arabic (listening, reading and writing) consists of three externally-examined papers that assess your listening, comprehension, reading and writing skills.

These assessments will be set and marked by Pearson.

- Paper 1: Translation into English, reading comprehension and writing (research question) in Arabic
- Paper 2: Translation into Arabic and written response to works
- Paper 3: Listening, reading and writing in Arabic

There is no coursework requirement to this course.

Employers are increasingly looking for people with language skills. Combined with other subjects, A level Arabic can help you to get a place at University to study many subjects. There are many opportunities open to you; in fact, whatever you want to do with your life, languages will help you do it better!
SUMMER CHALLENGE

- Learn the names of all Arabic speaking countries and their capital cities
- Find the main tourist attractions and the most visited places in the Arab world
- Go to the Edexcel website, view and download a copy of the Specification
- Read about Education and employment in the Arab world

HINTS & TIPS

- There are a lot of useful websites. The Arab league official website provides a lot of information on various topics
- Watch the BBC news on a daily basis
What are the main features of this course?

This is now a two-year course leading to an A-level in Chinese Language from EDEXCEL. The full A-level is made up of 3 exams taken at the end of the second year of study. Paper 1: Listening, Reading and Translation, Paper 2: Written response to works and translation and Paper 3: Speaking

Hours of lessons per week: 3

Indicative group size: 10

How is the course assessed?

The course is assessed through three exams at the end of your second year of study. In addition there will be regular exam question assessments to prepare you for the exam.

Where can I go next?

Employers are increasingly looking for people with language skills. Combined with other subjects, A level Chinese can help you to get a place at University to study any subjects. There are many opportunities open to you; in fact, whatever you want to do with your life, languages will help you do it better!

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What can I expect from AS/A Level Chinese?

A Level Chinese will enable you to develop an advanced level knowledge and understanding of the Chinese language and the culture of China, as well as practical and valuable language and transferable study skills. You will study a choice of literary texts and films that includes contemporary and more classical titles, together with authentic source materials from China and the wider Chinese-speaking world.

Employers are increasingly looking for people with language skills. Combined with other subjects, A level Chinese can help you to get a place at University to study any subjects. There are many opportunities open to you; in fact, whatever you want to do with your life, languages will help you do it better!
SUMMER CHALLENGE

What preparation can I do before I start the course?

- Read the novel Hui An Guan by Lin Haiyin. Write a reading blog or review of the novel and share with others in the class at the start of term.

- Learn the history of China from 1912 to 1935:
  1912-25
  - After the 1911 collapse of the Qing Dynasty, China declares itself a republic in 1912 with Sun Yat-sen as the first president. Sun founds the Nationalist Party, Kuomintang (KMT) and later resigns in favor of Yuan Shihkai. Shihkai attempts to reinstate the monarchy but fails, and after his death in 1916 the country is left without a strong central leader, and the country descends into a period of control by warlords.

  1921-35
  - The Chinese Communist Party is founded in Shanghai. Mao Zedong leads the Long March and establishes revolutionary headquarters in Yenan.

- Find out what grade you need in A level Chinese to enable you to progress onto university or into your chosen career.

HINTS & TIPS

Are there any websites that I might find useful?


- The video clip for Hui An Guan is https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxRaKN_PbCs

- The video clip for Please Vote For Me is https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nYVMSQPpuy0
Urdu [AS]
What are the main features of this course?
This is a two-year course, leading to the EDEXCEL A-level Urdu Certificate at the end of the second year. The aims of the course are to develop a high level of communication skills, awareness of various aspects of societies in which the language is spoken. The course will also develop study skills as a preparation for the world of work, further study, training or leisure and will be enjoyable, interesting and relevant to the needs of students.

Hours of lessons per week: 5
Indicative group size: 15

How is the course assessed?
The course is assessed through 3 exams at the end of the second year. Paper 1: Translation into English, reading comprehension and writing (research question) in Urdu, Paper 2: Translation into Urdu and written response to works and Paper 3: Listening, reading and writing in Urdu.

Where can I go next?
You will be well placed for university applications as Higher Education institutions look favorably at linguistic skills. Students who are bilingual also have a greater chance of obtaining work opportunities in Urdu communities.

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SUBJECT OVERVIEW

What can I expect from AS/A Level Urdu?

The Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in Urdu (listening, reading and writing) consists of three externally-examined papers that assess your listening, reading and writing skills.

These assessments will be set and marked by Pearson.

- **Paper 1**: Translation into English, reading comprehension and writing (research question) in Urdu
- **Paper 2**: Translation into Urdu and written response to works
- **Paper 3**: Listening, reading and writing in Urdu

There is no coursework requirement to this course.

Employers are increasingly looking for people with language skills. Combined with other subjects, A level Urdu can help you to get a place at University to study any subjects. There are many opportunities open to you; in fact, whatever you want to do with your life, languages will help you do it better!
SUMMER CHALLENGE

1. List the main vocabulary in Urdu and English.
2. Watch these films: (1) Bin Roye (2) Baghban (3) Bajrangi Bhaijan.
3. Go to the Edexcel website, view and download a copy of the Specification. Read the main themes of research topics.

HINTS & TIPS

These are all really useful websites and will help with your preparation for the course:

- The daily jang London
  http://jang.com.pk/

- The daily Pakistan
  http://www.dailypakistan.com.pk

- The daily Express
  http://www.express.com.pk/epaper/
Intensive English
[Pre-GCSE]
What are the main features of this course?

The course is designed for students whose mother tongue is not English. Students on this course learn to improve their skills in speaking, listening, reading, writing and grammar. This course is offered at beginner, elementary, intermediate and advanced levels.

Hours of lessons per week: 12

Indicative group size: 15

How is the course assessed?

The course is assessed throughout the whole academic year with a final examination in the summer term. The assessment consists of the following strands: speaking and listening, reading and writing. Students will achieve NOCN ESOL Skills for Life qualifications.

Where can I go next?

The intermediate and advanced classes are a good preparation for Pre-GCSE courses and can provide progress onto vocational foundation courses or a programme of various GCSEs, providing that a pass has been achieved at intermediate or advanced levels.

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What can I expect from Intensive English courses?

The course is designed for students whose mother tongue is not English. Students on this course learn to improve their skills in speaking, listening, reading, writing and grammar. This course is offered at beginner, elementary, intermediate and advanced levels.

The intermediate and advanced classes are a good preparation for Pre-GCSE courses and can provide progress onto vocational foundation courses or a programme of various GCSEs, providing that a pass has been achieved at intermediate or advanced levels.
SUMMER CHALLENGE

What preparation can I do before I start the course?

Surround yourself with English. Have the radio or TV playing in English in the background. Watch news every day and find out what’s going on in the world. Try to talk with friends and family about the news. If you don’t have enough English to understand the news completely, try to read or listen to it in your native language first, and then listening to it or reading it again in English. Don’t worry if you can’t understand much.

The more you listen and read the news in English, you’ll be able to understand more.

HINTS & TIPS

Are there any websites that I might find useful?

BBC website is very useful. The content on the website can help you make a smooth transition to the next level of study.

E1 and E2 students can visit BBC Newsround website at https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround

E3 students can visit BBC website https://www.bbc.co.uk/