**St Mary’s Catholic School**

**Year 11 into Year 12 Bridging Work**

**Recommended Reading List for Year 12**

**English Language**

*To prepare you for your Sixth Form studies, the reading list below includes a variety of books, articles and other material to read and use, to broaden your knowledge, and to enrich your understanding of English Language.*

*Take some time over the summer to complete the reading below, using the tasks to help structure your reading.*

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| **Read / Watch** | **Link if this is available online** | **Tasks to complete** | **Any additional notes** |
| Lexis Podcast | Available on Spotify or Apple Podcasts | Choose episodes which appeal to you and make notes on the issues explored. |  |
| Lingthuisam Podcast |  |
| The History if English Podcast |  |
| Word of Mouth, BBC Podcast |  |
| Dan Clayton’s Blog | <https://englishlangsfx.blogspot.com/> | Choose topics which interest you and make notes | Dan Clayton is a Senior Examiner for AQA English Language |
| Linguistics Research Digest | <http://linguistics-research-digest.blogspot.com/> | Browse by Category on topics which interest you and make notes |  |
| Beth Kemp’s Blog | <http://bethkemp.co.uk/> |  |
| I Love English Language Blog | <https://aggslanguage.wordpress.com/> |  |
| Mother Tongue by Bill Bryson |  | Make a mind map about the key moments in the history of English |  |
| The English Language by David Crystal |  | Make notes in the influence of English around the world and the influence of technology on English |  |
| The Stories of English by David Crystal |  | Make a mind map about how and why English has changed over time |  |
| Don’t believe a word; the surprising truth about language by David Shariatmadari |  | Identify “myths” about English which Shariatmadari debunks |  |