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THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT HANDBOOK

Preface:

All staff in the English Department have had the opportunity to discuss and suggest ideas for the 'Department Handbook'. The discussion has proved a very valuable vehicle for sharing our experiences and aspirations. The Handbook is intended primarily for our own use - some policies are used regularly, e.g. the 'Assessment Policy' is used for report writing and reviewing the progress of students. Other documents are useful sources of reference. The documents and departmental operation are regularly reviewed, particularly as legislation changes, new initiatives are taken on and OFSTED/OHMCI summary reports are published. The Handbook is word-processed and held in a ring file to allow for easy amendment and continual development. One copy is held centrally by the Head of Department and another by the Head Teacher - this one will be available for visiting OFSTED inspectors, students, governors, parents, etc. Another copy should be kept in the Staffroom for staff reference. The Handbook should also be provided for each ember of staff in the department. Those entries for which there is an example in the SSER resource pack are marked with an asterix, i.e.*

Section A - Introduction

Aims and objectives of: (i) a)

- _ School and (ii) the English Department. * Description of the departmental curriculum, e.g. percentage time allocations, b)
- timetable slots including any lessons conducted in extra-curricular time. c) Description of the departmental organisation - with respect to staffing and students.
- Links with other departments and involvement in cross-curricular themes/events. Involvement of the English Department in extra-curricular activities, clubs, etc. * d) e) f) Liaison with other schools - including primary, upper schools/colleges, further
- education, etc. Communications with Parents/Guardians. *
- g) h) Links with the Community and any use of local resources.

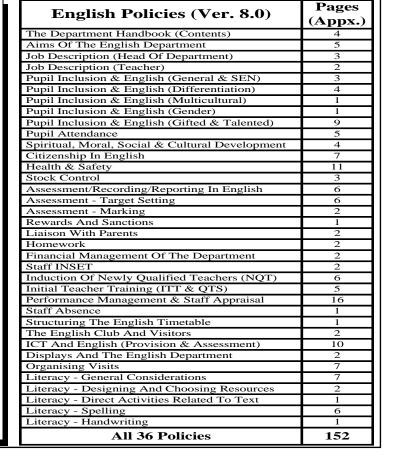
Section B - Staff

- Staff lists (teachers and support staff) to include job descriptions and a) responsibilities.
- Special needs support to include a timetable showing their allocation. * b)
- c) Policy on timetable/teaching group allocations to staff.
- The current year's timetable for each member of staff (teachers and support staff)). d)
- Policy for covering absent staff. * e)

Section C - Policies

- Assessment policy: *
- principles. * (ii) formal assessment (NC.). * informal assessment (for classwork, homework and completion of (iii) coursework). 3

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| These | AIMS AND OBJECTIVES. | ASSESSMENT POLICY. | |
| Natio - Rea | aims and objectives relate directly to the aims of School. aims relate directly to our Schemes of Work and the general requirements of the nal Curriculum Attainment Targets for English (AT.1-Speaking and Listening; AT.2 ding; AT.3 - Writing) to which all colleagues must now refer for detailed rements. | The following skills are used for assessment of completed pieces of extended work. In order for the pupils to be prepared for success at GCSE the skills are categorised into four standard skill areas: this categorisation process should not be seen as being too prescriptive as, e.g. communication skills can be demonstrated at all stages of an assignment. A fifth skill area (Other Skills) is used for internal assessment purposes only as these do not feature in formal assessment for external examinations. | |
| requi | | N.B. ICT is used to explore, develop, model and communicate ideas - refer to the policy on ICT for further details. | |
| 1.a) | Aims: To maintain and/or stimulate lasting pupil curiosity, interest and enjoyment in English. To create an atmosphere where pupils wish to learn, so that they come to enjoy English, because they are active participants in it, and where staff enjoy teaching, so they give of their very best. This will enable each pupil to achieve his/her potential in a variety of situations, using all available resources appropriately, to ensure the highest level of achievement for each pupil. | Skill Area - Exploring and Developing Ideas (Planning): Organisational Skills - to plan the allocation of time and resources (prioritising actions and reconciling decisions as the work develops), to carry out work in an ordered sequence and to organise information coherently. Design Skills - the ability to respond to criteria and to produce a finished piece of | |
| 1.b) | To develop the habit of reading and encourage pupils to value reading as a pleasure and as an important skill for life. | work that matches those criteria. The ability to develop outline plans for the piece of work, and to make design decisions - considering issues such as: aesthetics; the needs and values of intended audience/users; | |
| 2.a) 2.b) | To enable pupils to be familiar with a body of knowledge, principles and vocabulary in standard English. By exposing pupils to a wide range of material (both literary and media) we aim to | moral, economic, social, cultural and environmental considerations; effective use of time. | |
| | enable pupils to see English as: i. a major cultural feature; ii. part of a wider body of knowledge and skills. | Skill Area - Obtaining Evidence: Observing/Recording Skills - the ability to observe, identify, select, collect and accurately record relevant ideas/information by a variety of methods. | |
| 3.a) | To support the implementation of the statement on 'Shared Values' and to enable pupils to develop a range of desirable personal qualities such as safety awareness, politeness, perseverance, concern for others, initiative and independence. | Communication Skills - the ability to describe and explain information clearly with good use of the English language and correct use of technical terms and techniques. Extended writing to describe the work, methods, results, evaluation and discussion. The extended writing should: a. have a plan; | |
| 3.b) | To enable pupils to work independently and as part of a team in varied activities, so as English contributes to the development of core skills such as ICT, reading, writing and speaking. | b. have a draft; c. have a revision; d. be proof read; e. have good punctuation, spelling and handwriting; | |
| 4.a) 4.b) | To employ teaching methods and resources that allow all pupils (irrespective of their gender, ethnic origin, academic ability, etc.) to have equal access to English and to experience success and enjoyment in their work. To value each individual and so encourage each pupil to feel the value and worth of others. In doing so, to encourage empathy, so that each pupil approaches issues | f. finally be well presented. Skill Area - Analysing Evidence and Drawing Conclusions: Interpretative Skills – the ability to extract, process, analyse and interpret observations and information from a variety of sources, e.g. pupils should use inference and deduction in an imaginative response to a stimulus. | |
| 5.a) | of Race, Gender and Ability with tolerance and insight. To develop an awareness in pupils of the implications of English (past and press) | Conceptualising Skills - the ability to identify technical questions and to form a competent or to generalise what has been understood so that an idea is clearer and easier and that and. | |
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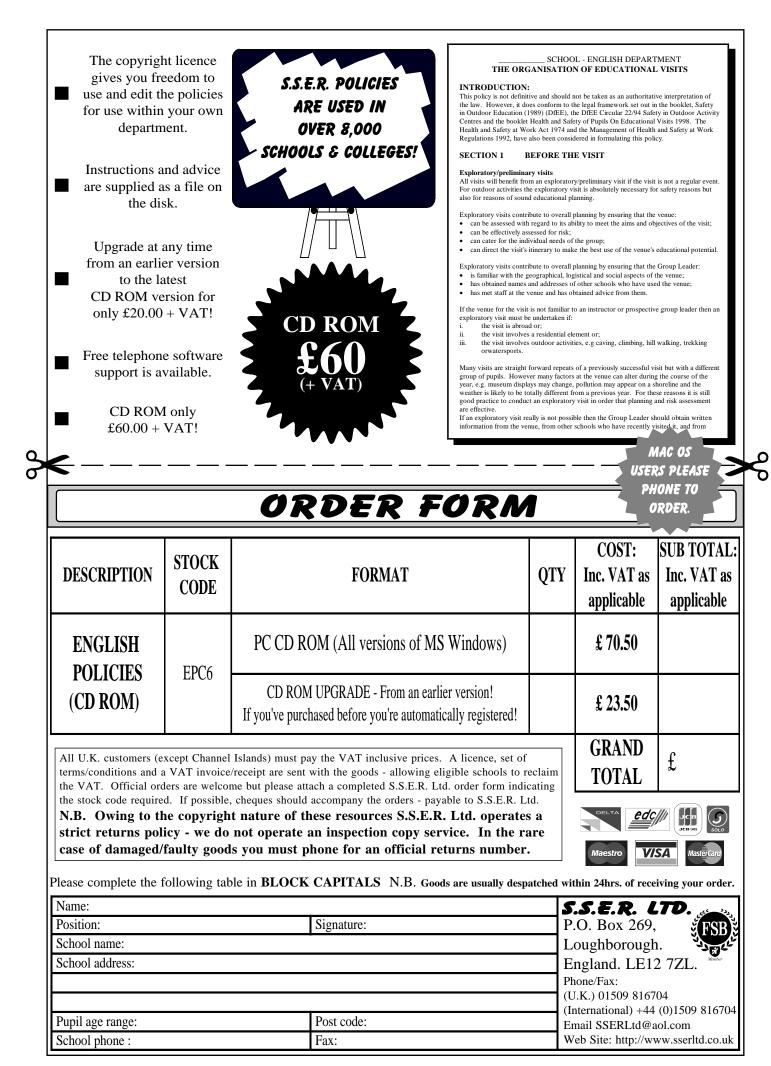
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