

Themes and 'Course outline'

BORDEAUX BRISTOL

TUESDAY NIVEAU ADVANCED

- 1) **Literature**- Under the theme of Literature this year we will explore stories ranging from historical figures of Bristol to murder mystery and crime thrillers set in 🇺🇸 America. The crime novels chosen have also been adapted for English learners of an advanced level. Discussions on the text will follow each reading, and there will be hopefully a chance to discuss with one of the authors, Jane Duffus.
 - a. The Woman who built Bristol- Jane Duffus
+ **Interview with the author. Jane Duffus**
 - b. **The Runaway Jury by John Grisham**
(Crime novel- level 6 English; Pearsons)

- 2) **History of the USA** –Under the theme History of the USA we will be looking via discussion, news reports and articles and documentaries at the famous leaders and founding fathers of one of the most powerful countries today, their personalities, their stories, their histories, their legacy in America.
 - a. The presidency of Barack Obama and Trump -Documentary
 - b. The founding fathers

- 3) **Art Victorian art**
Ophelia, by John Everett Millais
Under this theme we will look at the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood (PRB) and how it achieved
■ considerable influence after its foundation in 1848 with paintings that concentrated on religious, literary, and genre subjects executed in a colourful and minutely detailed style. PRB artists included John Everett Millais, William Holman Hunt, Dante Gabriel Rossetti, and Ford Madox Brown (never officially a member).

Romantic Painters – JMW Turner The Fighting Temeraire. 🇺🇸

TUESDAY THURSDAY NIVEAU INTERMEDIATE

- 1) **Movie scripts + Harry Potter, Friends + Quiz** –Here you will try to recreate small scenes from these films and tv series, you will explore listening, vocabulary speaking and mimicking. We will look at movie scripts explore the dialogues, listen to the actors, and try to replicate the dialogue, the pronunciation, and the intonation.

- 2) **Songs and Lyrics**
Can you hear certain vocabulary and expressions in songs? Here we will look at popular songs from different periods practising especially listening skills but also working on vocabulary and grammar.

- 3) **Debate me**
Express opinions on everyday topics and news items, using articles and news reports to improve vocabulary we will watch reports and short documentaries on topics and practise giving opinions on contemporary issues. To close this topic, we will watch a short documentary in full on a contemporary subject to be discussed in the final lesson (The Dark side of chocolate)

- 4) **Rebecca + Then There Were None (The Murder Mystery Books)** – (Murder Mystery Daphne du Maurier, a British novelist, who was famous for her stories set in the southwest of England. Agatha Christie a famous author writing who done it novels. We will read shortened and adapted versions of these novels discuss the events and characters in the books and try to guess 'who done it?')

- 5) **Role play + Murder Mystery Night**
During this aspect you will be given different everyday situations to improvise and role play, integrating new vocabulary and grammar points where possible. We will also hold a murder mystery night where you will role play different characters and attempt to guess “who done it?”

TUESDAY THURSDAY NIVEAU DEBUTANT + FAUX DEBUTANT

Learn how to get by in English. This class is designed to take beginners from an A1 or below and increase confidence in speaking ability by practising the most essential English to be used in real life situations, ideal for voyages, travel, and increasing your confidence in your ability in English.

1. **Basic everyday vocabulary**

In this short introduction we will look at numbers, colours, telling the time, and daily routines to check that each student has the essential basics of vocabulary.

2. **Describing yourself and others**– In this step we will look at learning the basic vocabulary needed to describe yourself and others, expanding basic vocabulary and speaking in full sentences.

3. **Ordering in a restaurant + role play**

After basic vocabulary has been acquired we will begin using games to acquire vocabulary used in specific situations. You will practise using your English via role play to prepare you for basic travel situations.

4. **Clothes shopping + role play**

In this module we will look at some key vocabulary that you might hear while shopping in a department store. You will learn vocabulary via games then we will practise via role play so that you can gain confidence in these real -life situations.

5. **At the market – food and shopping + role pay**

How to interact at a market. Here you will learn how to interact with sellers at a market, ask about produce and price.

6. **Travel -Finding your way around town – directions**

In this module you will learn how to find your way around town as well as vocabulary used to describe a city or place.

7. **Travel – at the airport+ booking reservations**

Learn how to use your English to navigate situations at an airport

8. **Chatting with a stranger**

How to chat with a stranger? Perhaps you want to exchange basic information and ask questions to get to know someone. In this module we will look at navigating basic situations learning vocabulary via games and practising real life situations via role play and interviewing.

THURSDAY NIVEAU ADVANCED

1) **The USA through its music**

Explore America through its music, the blues and soul singer Sam Cooke, Jazz musicians like Miles Davis, and their role in civil rights movement as well as Bob Dylan and his influence on American culture and divides. We will finish this module with a short quiz designed to enhance vocabulary learned.

2) **Role plays + Quiz**

During this theme you will be given different situations to improvise and role play, improve your confidence in speaking, and integrating and learning new vocabulary and grammar points where possible.

3) **News + Quiz**

Practise reading and understanding English news items and topics and discussing contemporary issues. Practise general conversation on different topics relevant today.

4) **Opening chapters – The Handmaids Tale/ Kite runner** – You will choose one of two popular English novels, then in groups will look at the opening chapters discuss the opening to the stories and characters, including a look at the TV series/film made based on these books. You will work on listening, speaking, giving opinions, exploring vocabulary and expressions and also trying to create an opening scene or short 'role play' from these chapters.