

INSET DISCUSSION TOPICS March 2014**DISCUSSION TOPIC 1 – COURSE PLANNING**You will need:

- The Teacher Guide pages 46-51 (in your pack)
- The syllabus
- Lists of new texts

Some points you may like to consider:

- Balance of texts
- Year plans
- Fitting in Paper 3 work
- Looking ahead to the PI

DISCUSSION TOPIC 2 – ASSESSMENT/MARKINGYou will need:

- Sample papers and Mark Schemes (in your pack)

Some points you may like to consider:

- Using the grade descriptors
- Realism in assessment of first year work
- Possibility of Interim Assessment

DISCUSSION TOPIC 3 – IMPROVING GRADESYou will need:

- Sample candidate responses booklet (in your pack)
- Mark Schemes

Some points you may like to consider:

- Comparative analysis of exemplar material (pages 27 –31 suggested)
- What is a 'good' essay? Is there such a thing as a 'model answer'?
- Teaching for improvement
- Realism in expectation: the predicted grade and what it means

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DISCUSSION TOPIC 4 – THE PERSONAL INVESTIGATION
<p><u>You will need:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teacher guide pp 19-24 (in your pack)• Sample candidate response booklet pp 100-107 <p><u>Some points you may like to consider:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taught topic or free choice?• Fitting into year plans• Getting the personal into the investigation• Administration questions such as title vetting and early monitoring