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## **Leaving Certificate – English Exam Preparation Class 2009-2010**

The DAI offers the English Exam Preparation Course again this year, for Leaving Certificate students who will be sitting their exams in June 2010. The course will run for 24 weeks, over two terms between September and April. It will be a weekly two-hour class held in the DAI offices in Suffolk Street, after school hours on Thursday evenings. The classes will run from 5.45 pm to 7.45 pm each evening.

### **Term Dates**

The Autumn Term will run from 17<sup>th</sup> September to 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2009.  
The Spring Term dates will be finalised later, to facilitate, in so far as is possible, students' mock examinations.

### **Course Content**

The course is structured in such a way that most aspects of the Leaving Cert. English exam papers will be revised. The course is comprised of modules on the literature studied for Paper II, and essay writing and reading comprehension from Paper I.

In our work for Paper II, it will not be possible to study each student's texts, only the most popular choices. General principles of approach to the novel, play and poetry will be included. Study of films is not included. To facilitate planning, it is essential that students let us know, when applying for the course, what texts they will be studying for the exam.

There will be a maximum of 16 places available. These will be allocated, ordinarily, on a first-come, first-served basis. The Course Co-ordinator reserves the right to admit a student, based on an evaluation of suitability for group tuition, i.e. individual students may be better advised to receive one-to-one tuition. A copy of the student's most recent psycho-educational assessment report must accompany the application.

**The course fee is €700 for the year.**

It is important that a student commits himself/herself to

- full and regular attendance
- coming to class on time, and remaining for the full session
- full co-operation in class

**Accordingly, it is essential that you discuss applying for this course with the student, and they must sign the application.**

Students have found the course a valuable experience and a very good support in preparing for the Leaving Certificate.

However, prospective students are also advised that they will be asked to leave the course in the event of frequent episodes of late arrival, irregular attendance or unsatisfactory behaviour in class.

**If you wish to apply for a place**, please return the completed Application Form, Syllabus Information Form and a copy of the most recent psycho-educational assessment report, with a deposit of **€200** A.S.A.P.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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### **Leaving Certificate Class Timetable**

**Venue:** DAI Office, 1 Suffolk Street, Dublin 2.  
The DAI office is located on the second floor above O'Neill's Pub.

**Time:** 5.45 pm – 7.45 pm on THURSDAYS.

<b>TERM 1</b>	Duration = 13 weeks  September 17 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> October 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 5 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> December 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>  <b>Mid-term break (i.e. no class) on October 28<sup>th</sup></b>  <i>NB These dates are subject to change. Due notice will be given if any changes are made.</i>
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### APPLICATION FORM

***Application forms and deposits must be received a.s.a.p.***

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Tel. No. Daytime \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

*\* It is essential that you provide contact telephone numbers so that we can contact you in case of an emergency, or if, for example, a class has to be cancelled.*

#### **The following is enclosed:**

1. Deposit of €200
2. Syllabus Information Form
3. Copy of most recent Psycho-Educational Assessment Report

#### **This application must be signed by both parents and students.**

Parents' Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons for wanting to do this course (to be completed by the student): \_\_\_\_\_

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Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## DAI English Exam Preparation Class 2009-2010

### SYLLABUS INFORMATION FORM – Leaving Certificate

In order to plan for the coming exam year, it is essential that we know in advance what texts and poets you are studying.

This form should be returned with your application form and the deposit.

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Exam Level:                      Higher                       Ordinary

School: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate which of these texts you will definitely be studying for your Leaving Certificate examination:**

	Single Text	Comparative Text
Wuthering Heights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dancing at Lughnasa	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sive	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lamb	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lies of Silence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Panther in the Basement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
King Lear	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Grapes of Wrath	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Blackwater Lightship	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Others (please name) \_\_\_\_\_

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What poets are you studying? \_\_\_\_\_

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Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_