

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE
FORM SIX
SUBJECT- COMMUNICATION STUDIES
Course Outline 2014-2015
Term 1

Week	Topic	Objectives
1	Introduction to Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Outline the syllabus ➤ Definition of Communication ➤ Relationship between Speaking & Writing
2	Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Definition of Language ➤ Characteristics of Language ➤ Functions of Language
3- 4	Evaluating Sources Of Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Identifying/Selecting a Topic ➤ Defining Research ➤ Defining Key concepts: validity, credibility, bias, authority ➤ Locating Sources – primary & secondary ➤ Data Collection Methods ➤ Population Sampling
5	Language & Community- Concepts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dialectal Variations ➤ Role of Code-switching ➤ Types of Caribbean English ➤ Definition of Dialect, accent ➤ Types of Language Registers
6	Language Concepts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Characteristics of Standard English ➤ Characteristics of Creole ➤ Arguments For Standard English ➤ Arguments For and Against Creole ➤ Attitudes to Language
7 - 8	Forms of Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Verbal & Non-Verbal ➤ Definitions of each form ➤ Function of Non- verbal ➤ Types of Non-verbal - body language, vocalics, proxemics, etc.
9	Process of Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Identifying the Elements of Communication ➤ Describing the Process of Communication – conceptualization, encoding, decoding, etc. ➤ Contexts of Communication – intercultural, interpersonal, etc

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Facilitators of Communication➤ Barriers to Communication
10 - 11	History and Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Historical influences on Language – Pre-Columbian, Dutch, African, Spanish, etc➤ Communication and Gender➤ Communication and Technology➤ Past paper revision exercises

Term 2

Week	Topic	Objectives
1	Speaking and Speeches	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Informative Speech➤ Speaking and Speeches➤ Delivering the Speech➤ Informative Speeches
2 -3	Writing Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Types of Writing – Expository, Narrative, Persuasive, etc.➤ Analysis of types of Writing- Narrative and Language Techniques
4	Comprehension & Listening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Levels of Comprehension – literal, interpretive, synthesis, etc.➤ Listening Process➤ Types of Listening➤ Barriers to Listening➤ Listening Practice Sessions
5 -6	Organizational Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Formulating Thesis statements, topic sentences, linkages, etc.➤ Distinguishing main and supporting ideas➤ Summarizing skills➤ Organizational strategies- chronological order, deductive ordering, etc.
7	Advertisements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Types of Advertisements➤ Techniques used in Advertisements➤ Graphic and Language techniques used in Advertisements
8	Argumentative Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Types of Arguments➤ Analysis of Argumentative writing
9	Revision	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Past paper revision:➤ Paper 1A, Paper 1B, Paper 2