

Colloquial English

Grammar, rhetoric and logic: **2025/6 seminar overview**

Open to 3A, 3B, 5S, S7A and S7B students

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This course will be a colloquial colloquium – a nonformal discussion – of topics of interest or importance. It aims to develop the libera arts skills of Trivium. It is for those who like to think and talk about their ideas. It aims to increase communicative competence by focusing on challenging themes and putting skills to the test in an open forum facilitated by both the teacher and the students.

A general curriculum will be set out by the teacher, but all will be expected to play a part in the selection of the materials from which colloquia are made. Subjects may include current events, the arts and culture, health and development, learning and knowledge, ethics, beliefs and politics; or any other matter open to differing interpretations. Marks will be based on effort, ability to express oneself and overall approach. Note that, while the amount of homework will not be high, good grades will be given only to those who attend regularly and work hard.