

## **Semester-based assessment components and deadlines**

### **1. Participation: The writing portfolio**

During the semester there are 4 or 5 written assignments. A process writing approach is adopted such that each assignment should have more than one draft/version. The writing portfolio comprises the three written assignments PLUS a one-page report. The aim of the portfolio is to demonstrate how you have progressed as a writer of English during the course of the semester. For this reason, you should include all versions of an assignment - from the first draft you showed me to the final version. All versions should be the originals or photocopies of the originals. I will not accept versions that I have never seen before.

The aim of the one-page report is to improve your awareness of your progress and of your strengths and weaknesses when writing in English. In it you should explain analyse what the written assignments show about your progress as a writer of English. As the only text that I have not seen, the report provides you with an opportunity to demonstrate what you have learnt over the semester.

Remember to check your report for discourse organisation, clarity of ideas and information flow, grammatical accuracy, and appropriacy and range of structures and vocabulary. In addition to content, these are the criteria for marking all written work.

The final date for handing in the portfolio is Thursday, 21 May 2020.

Unless otherwise specified or required by the nature of the assignment, written assignments should be formatted in Times New Roman or Calibri typeface, either 11 or 12 with 1½ line spacing. On revised assignments any changes introduced to the original draft or preceding version must be underlined. Please place your name at the top right-hand corner of the page.

### **Speaking**

The marks for this component are based on notes taken during classes on the performance of students.

### **2. Debate**

The debate is a formal debate with each team made up of 3 students. One team argues for a proposition and the other argues against it. Each student should speak for 5 minutes. You may speak from notes but you **MUST NOT READ**.

The debates will be held in the second half of semester. The topics and support materials will be provided by the teacher. A schedule will be passed around in class for you to sign up.

### **3. Written tests and exams.**

#### **ALL STUDENTS MAY TAKE THE EXAMS IN THE NORMAL EXAM PERIOD (ÉPOCA NORMAL)**

The mid-semester test (open-book) will be held in week 7 unless there is an official alteration. Please check the official test schedule.

The final written exams (closed book) will be held during the exam periods of the 'Época normal' and 'Época de recurso' at the time scheduled for English I.

Dictionaries may be used in all tests and exams. No electronic devices are permitted.

Students who do not have semester-based evaluation will be evaluated by exam - written and oral - in the exam periods. In this case the mark is computed as written - 60% and oral - 40%.

Students who have incomplete semester-based evaluation do not need to do an oral exam if they have completed the oral components of the semester-based evaluation. In this case the mark is computed as written - 60% and the average of the oral components - 40%.