

2nd Tuesday

Dear Everybody,

One of the things that I love about working on both language and culture is that it is like studying oxygen, there is always plenty around. J [redacted] is a fine example of a public school boy born with a silver spoon in his mouth. If the East Kent acre is worth between £2000 and £3000 pounds and if he has 1300 of them, and if his house and numerous, converted outbuildings are added in, he must be sitting in a farm worth around 1 million pounds. He suggested to me, as J [redacted] and I waited for the taxi, that his annual return was just 1% of capital.....which would be just £10,000 pounds. Is this return after having paid himself and his wife a good managerial salary? There is plenty here I am not clear about.

We haven't talked about earnings yet, not in the group.

The current average male wage is just over 20,000 per year (gross) A state teaching salary starts at around £13,000 and goes up to the mid twenties. The head of a large comprehensive will be on about £40-45,000.

A G.P. earns in the region of £50,000 - 60,000 per year. (six weeks holidays)
(we talk either in years or in weeks when referring to wages and salaries)

Projects: you can do them individually or in pairs/ small groups

I will try and find you people and material + tape recorders if you need them.

You will certainly have to cut class to do the necessary interviewing.

This afternoon we will look at the areas you want to explore.

It would be good to have some sort of presentation of the projects on the last day, even if they are not yet fully written up.

I have to help you with ^{the} cassette recorders etc....

One very interesting form of interview is the "limited autobiography"..... we will have a look at this afternoon. An example of this would be the autobiography of L [redacted] in Faversham as a fisherman, or the autobiography of P [redacted] as a dog owner. When you do into one small area of a person's life, you often get rich sideways insights into other parts.

Yours,

