

Dear Interested Student/Family:

Thank you for considering Viewpoint School's summer podcasting course.

This UC-approved English elective is open to students from any school entering into grades 9-12.

We want to ensure you have all the information you need before committing to this course. Please read carefully.

- This asynchronous course will run virtually from June 9 - July 13. If you are committed to intensive summer camps/trips during this time frame, this course is likely not a good match for you.
- You must attend the first, synchronous, virtual session on June 9. The exact time is still TBD. If you cannot attend a session on June 9, you should not sign up for this online course.
- You should expect to spend 8 hours a week working on the course and be able to meet weekly deadlines. This course best fits students who are comfortable using technology tools for media creation, and who have solid organizational abilities and time management skills.
- Students must have use of a computer with sufficient wifi for listening to and creating audio files. It is recommended, but not required, that students have external headphones and mic. Students will upload, edit, and mix sound using online Soundtrap accounts provided by Viewpoint. Final, polished episodes will be hosted on a Viewpoint account and available to the listening public.
- Students will learn through listening, discussing, recording, and editing. This course best fits students who are comfortable speaking up, asking good questions, and reaching out to teachers when help is needed. Video calls with the instructors are encouraged and available by appointment throughout the course.
- This semester-long, online course costs \$500. At the end of the course, students will receive a grade on a summer transcript. For Viewpoint students, this course will not factor into overall grade point average.

If you have questions, please contact the instructor, Gayle Kolodny Cole, Director of Distance Learning ([gayle.cole@viewpoint.org](mailto:gayle.cole@viewpoint.org)).