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English Revision Guide

Tips for Success!!

Do...

- ✓ **KNOW** your target level
- ✓ **KNOW** the criteria/skills needed to achieve your target level
- ✓ **REVISE** - spelling, punctuation, grammar rules (see recommended web links)
- ✓ **PRACTISE** - ARGUE tasks (see revision work from class)
- ✓ **LEARN** - spelling, punctuation and grammatical errors corrected in exercise books
- ✓ **USE** dictionaries/thesauruses to develop and extend your vocabulary (online or book) - aim for 5-10 new words per week
- ✓ **PLAN** your writing - how will you succeed in the tasks? How can you extend and develop ideas in detail and show your skills with language?
- ✓ **CHECK** your writing - does it make sense? Is it accurate? Is it varied, interesting and imaginative? Does it meet the task requirements? Have you consistently and accurately paragraphed and punctuated?
- ✓ **IMPROVE** - Cross out, change, correct! Make sure it is the very best writing you can do!

Assessment Foci - What you will be tested on!

Can you...

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| AF1 | Use a variety of sentence structures to make meaning clear and create effects? |
| AF2 | Write accurately using appropriate and varied punctuation? |
| AF3 | Plan, paragraph and organise points in an effective and appropriate sequence? |
| AF4 | Link points and paragraphs clearly and effectively? |
| AF5 | Write imaginative, interesting and thoughtful texts? |
| AF6 | Produce a text that is appropriate to task, reader and purpose? |
| AF7 | Select and use appropriate and effective vocabulary? |
| AF8 | Use correct spelling? |

Action targets: Record below 3 Assessment Foci that *you* need to work on to improve *your* writing and complete appropriate revision tasks in this booklet.



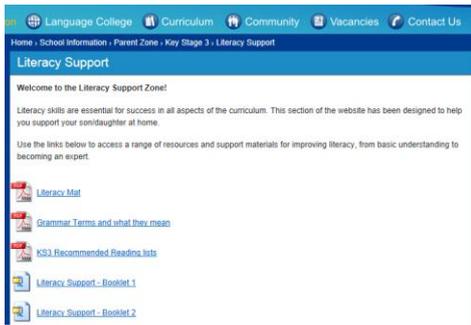
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Useful websites (not just for revision!!!)

1. <http://www.princehenrys.co.uk/page/?title=Literacy+Support&pid=224>

This section of the PHGS website has been specifically created to support you!

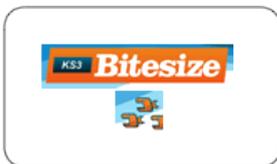
Here you will find useful information and activities to improve and extend essential reading and writing skills. Whatever your ability, there is something here for you:

- (a) Booklet 1: Help understanding the basics;
- (b) Booklet 2: A chance to develop existing skills;
- (c) Booklet 3: An opportunity to really challenge yourself and become a literacy expert!



2. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/words/grammar/>

This excellent website has great online games, tests and activities, as well as clear and helpful explanations of spelling, punctuation and grammar rules. Visit relevant sections to revise and test your understanding of vital writing skills.



3. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks3bitesize/english/writing/>

This is another very helpful website with further online games, tests and activities. This website also has specific advice on skills tested for different writing styles, audiences and purposes. The sections listed below should be especially helpful in the forthcoming exam:

- 1. **Preparing, planning, checking**
- 2. **Sentences**
- 3. **Formal and informal writing**
- 4. **Tone and Style**