

## A level English Language

### Why do I need to complete a bridging activity?

The purpose of this activity is to aid your preparation for advanced level study and make the transition from GCSE study as smooth as possible. Some activities are written pieces of work, some are research-based and some are practical. They should be completed to the best of your ability and they will give you the opportunity to start to showcase your talent for your chosen subjects. As these are compulsory activities, it is vital that you put in the time and effort to ensure they are completed to the highest standard.

### When should I hand this in?

You should complete this activity for the start of your first lesson in September.

### How will I be given feedback?

Feedback appropriate to the task will be given to you by your teacher.

### Summary of the activity

**You will be setting up an online blog to share with your teacher. Blogging is a great way to build up a portfolio of writing and is especially valuable if you are thinking of a career in writing or journalism.**

#### Instructions

1. Read the instructions at <http://bloginstructions.blogspot.co.uk/> and set up a new blog. Remember you will be sharing your blog name with your teacher so choose something appropriate!
2. Make a note of your username and password (and remember them).
3. You need to create one blog post of a maximum of 500 words (task below).

One of the important criteria for creative writing (and English language in general) is accuracy in terms of your spelling, grammar and punctuation. Also, make sure you are using paragraphs.

#### Task: "Feature Journalism":

Find an online article on The Guardian Lifestyle website <https://www.theguardian.com/uk/lifeandstyle> and then write a blog entry, based on a similar style, about a place or event you have visited over the summer. This could be a festival, concert, place (UK or abroad) etc. It is fine to copy the style of the article, but not the content.

At the end of this blog, paste in the URL of the article on which you have based your style. Your teacher will ask you for your blog link during the first week.

# Bridging Activity for September 2017

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