

English Department - Summer Challenge

Dear parents and carers,

Attached to this sheet is a copy of our English Department 'Non-negotiables for writing'. This will be discussed with your children on their Transition Day in July. We would be very grateful if you could display the non-negotiables in a prominent place in your home (perhaps on the fridge or on a bedroom door). We hope that this acts as a supporting tool for helping with homework expectations and any general writing completed at home. We would also like to encourage all students to complete the fun challenge below:

*Pick one of the non-negotiables and create a poster to represent the rule or to explain it further. You can be as creative as you like! You may wish to use pens, computer tools or 3D materials.

*Please put your full name on the BACK of your poster and take it to the English Office to go in the Year 7 challenge tray. If you need to print your entry and don't have access to a printer, then please don't worry - you can email it to one of us.

We really look forward to receiving your posters and EVERY PERSON WHO HANDS IN/EMAILS A POSTER WILL RECEIVE A HOUSE POINT!

With best wishes, Mrs Dovey and Mrs Newland (Key Stage 3 Writing and Grammar Project Leads)



Writing Non-negotiables

Non Negotiable	Marking Code
A capital letter must be used at the start of every sentence.	CL
A capital letter must be used for all proper nouns (such as for names of places, people, days or months).	CL
Every sentence must be punctuated clearly at the end (. ! ?).	P
Commas must only be used accurately. They do not replace full stops.	P,
Apostrophes must only be used to indicate possession (Tom's pen) or contraction (haven't).	P'
Chosen tense (past, present, future) must remain the same throughout a piece of writing.*	T
Any information provided (names of authors, poets, playwrights, titles or any information displayed) must be spelt correctly.	sp
Paragraphs must be used.	//

**Sometimes the tense is intentionally changed for effect.*