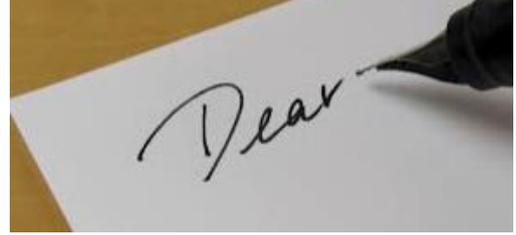




English Task



When you begin in Year 7 you will begin a topic called “Me, Myself and Why” As part of this, we would like you to write a letter to your new teacher:

- You should write up to 1 side of A4 paper for your letter.
- Tell us about you: the things you love, your hobbies, anything you might be excited or nervous about for the future.
- You should begin with Dear English Department...

Content

You may include:

- A paragraph about you: your family, friends, pets. What were your favourite subjects in school? What did you most enjoy about primary school?
- We study a novel together in Year 7. You could include in your letter a paragraph about the books you’re reading – include details about the last book you read and what you are most looking forward to reading next.
- You will also study some poetry in Year 7. If you can, can you include your favourite poem and explain why you like it?
- Another thing we do is a little bit about Manchester. We think a lot about place so you could include a section of your letter about where you were born and where you grew up.
- One of the last things we do is about Shakespeare – he is one of the English department’s favourite writers. You could tell us about a writer you love.
- How you feel about coming to AGGS. Are you excited/nervous. Is there anything you’re excited to try? What are you most scared about. Try and use a range of interesting adjectives here to describe your emotions.
- What do you think AGGS will be like – could you compare it to something using a simile or metaphor?

Essentials

This letter is your chance to show off to your new teachers

- Show us what you know about spelling punctuation and grammar. Ensure you take the time to reread and draft your work carefully. Try to be accurate but ambitious – it doesn’t matter if you aren’t quite right.
- Make sure you paragraph clearly.
- Can you demonstrate any skills from your descriptive writing to make it stand out e.g. similes, metaphors, imagery?
- Think about the structure and how you organise your writing: the paragraphs don’t have to be in the order above – what do you want to tell us first.

Finally

This letter is your chance to make an excellent first impression. You can do it on the computer or you can hand write it. Make sure it is clear and neat.

We look forward to hearing from you and can’t wait to meet you!