



SUMMER BRIDGING WORK 2026

Summer Bridging Work is an important part of your transition to Wilberforce Sixth Form College. This piece of work will count towards your effort grade. Please complete your summer bridging work in time for the start of term.

You are required to bring evidence in paper format and hand this into your subject teacher during your first lesson.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

OVERVIEW OF SUBJECT: If you think you know about English Language from doing GCSE, then think again! The A level is a fascinating and engrossing two-year journey through culture, music, fiction, and the incredible history of the language YOU speak! Why are words spelled in weird and wonderful ways? How do babies learn to talk? How are YOU creating new and quirky language every day? Why do you say 'errr' when you are thinking, and 'ooh' when you are surprised, and NOT the other way around? Not only is it a brilliant and exciting subject but it also teaches you skills and approaches essential to so many jobs and careers; from Law to the Media.

ENTRY CRITERIA: You will need a minimum of five GCSE grades 9-4. You will also need to have achieved a grade 5 or higher in GCSE English Language or Literature.

LITERACY TASK: We'd like you to go away and research the ways in which social media like Facebook, Twitter and TikTok have influenced how language is used in the wider media and in society.

Find examples from not only written publications but also your everyday life and use of language. Once you've done that, convert it into a 500 word essay explaining how and why these influences are changing society for good or for bad.

PROGRESSION OPPORTUNITIES

Below we have listed four careers linked to English Language.

You are tasked to research the four careers, choose one that most appeals to you and write a 200-word essay as to why you feel this career would be most suited to you.

- Journalist
- Author
- Barrister
- Script-writer

Kind regards

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If you have any queries regarding your Summer Bridging Work, please contact me via email kam@wilberforce.ac.uk
I will aim to respond before your enrolment appointment.