

KS3 Writing

Examples of good writing tasks shared:

Task	School
Writing challenge – open task	Churchdown
EMC – Just Write	Newent
Fortnite: 20 minute challenge picture prompt and skills	Denmark Road
Mitcheldean Competition – poetry and short story	Wyedean
History of Rhetoric Unit	Winchcombe
Campaigning Tasks – from charity to raising money	Winchcombe
Words That Burn Unit: Amnesty International	Chipping Campden
Starter – media clip to writing – free writing	Sir William Romney's School
Drop Zoom Shift Return (sensory description)	Severn Vale
Modelling/images/clips	Severn Vale
Extended personification	Ribston
Sign up for competitions	Sir William Romney's
Shared writing	Thomas Keeble
Use figurative language in non-fiction	
Image and slow writing (1 st sentence must start with...)	Barnwood

Across a Range of Tasks

Common Strengths	Common Areas for Development
<p>Outlets – productive. Imaginative and creative (primary school focus). Some excellent writers are excellent readers. Structure – seeing this in reading.</p>	<p>Addressing the covid impact on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing stamina • Craftmanship of writing <p>Grammar – reading focus sometimes for SATS. Is the writing element of this as much of a focus?</p> <p>Sentence construction. Planning/structure Grammar</p>

Successful Strategies for Teaching for Progress in Writing at KS3

Strategies	School
Real world contexts are valuable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> giving genuine audiences for what they write. Wider world voice impact. 	Winchcombe
Linking reading with writing: The Bone Sparrows – words that burn	Winchcombe
Linking authors message to writing output	Katherine Lady Berkley's School
Writing – modelled from reading	Wyedean
U3A Writing Projects	Wyedean
Local journalists in to do report writing	Chipping Campden
A Level OCR – LitLang – <i>reading as a writer, writing as a reader</i> – using prompts from this.	Chipping Campden
Mini whiteboards for drafting	Wyedean
KS5 – KS3 Writing commentaries, justify their writing	Winchcombe
Modelling bad examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addressing misconceptions about writing Stealing good ideas 'as fast as Usain Bolt' 	Denmark Road
Engagement – range of writing/writing for their own purposes.	Sir William Romney's
Embedding writing tasks across the curriculum.	Sir William Romney's
Metacognition – breaking sentences down	
Writing journals	Sir William Romney's
Turn media into flat prose.	Sir William Romney's
General strategies discussed	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Crafting brilliant sentences/Building vocabulary</i>: Lindsey Skinner and Katie Ashford Breaking down syntax VCOP games Scaffolds Collaborative writing Scaffolding Audiobooks Current topics Planning activities Visual stimulus 	