

## Upper 4's polemical writing: save our jelly babies



Mrs McKeefry's Upper 4 group are currently studying a unit of polemical writing as preparation for the GCSE English Language Paper 2. They have analysed newspaper articles in class and have learned about typical features of argumentative writing, before producing their own writing in response to a brief.

This week, they have been challenged to write a lengthy response in the form of either a letter or newspaper article, addressing the Prime Minister who has decided to make jelly babies illegal in the UK. They structured their response as a series of reasons why the favourite sweets should not be outlawed, ranging from mental health reasons, nutritional reasons, economic reasons and historical reasons. This lengthy piece of hyperbolic writing demonstrates all of the skills required for success in Paper 2 where pupils are asked to write an argumentative response to a set task. Mrs McKeefry is delighted with the efforts of the pupils in Upper 4.

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