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# ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

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# TOP TIPS

for becoming a successful Post 16 ENGLISH LANGUAGE student



- 1** Read widely around the current topic, using online resources such as the English and Media Centre [EMC].
- 2** Read broadsheet newspapers everyday and other materials to make sure that you are very knowledgeable about current affairs. How are stories presented?
- 3** Follow interesting and relevant figures, such as Michael Rosen on Twitter and other social media.
- 4** Download news apps on your smartphone and/or tablet and follow particular stories/topics every day - become an expert in a particular topic. What key vocabulary, techniques and approaches are used?
- 5** Listen to relevant podcasts and radio programmes such as Michael Rosen's *Word of Mouth* on Radio Four.
- 6** Read current articles on language use, such as the Guardian's "Mind your Language".
- 7** Follow newspaper columnists to gain a sense of different voices. Who is your favourite? Why? Can you write a column of your own in their style?
- 8** Read editorials and opinion pieces, as well as news stories. Take notes on *how* they work.
- 9** Watch interviews and online lectures with experts. YouTube or iTunes U work well for this.
- 10** Regularly review class notes and other materials each week, month, term, creating your own revision materials as you study, e.g. posters, Knowledge Organisers, etc.