



## **THE KING'S HERALD - WRITER'S GUIDE**

We would love students from years 7 - 13 to be involved in the school paper by writing an article about something that you are really interested in.

Don't worry about your articles being perfect! We edit them to make sure that they are as good as they can be, and we really just want to hear your interesting and thoughtful perspectives on things that intrigue you, or that you want to spread awareness about.

### **Why should you write for the paper?**

It is an amazing opportunity to have your voice heard, to explore a subject outside of the school curriculum, and to have your work showcased for your peers to see. Especially for older students: writing in the paper would be great mention on your CV when looking for your first job, and an amazing thing to write about on University or Apprenticeship applications.

### **How do you think of an idea?**

You may want to write an article, but have absolutely no idea about where to start. This happens to everyone! Our first piece of advice would be to look through the previous editions of the paper (available on the school website, VLE, parents' emails), where you will see the wide variety, and often very random selection, of topics that people have written about. You could also always ask Mrs Stokell ([pstokell@kas.cambrianlt.org](mailto:pstokell@kas.cambrianlt.org)) who has kept a record of all past newspaper.

Have a think about anything that you feel strongly about, you can write from personal experience or just express your view about a particular topic. This could be linked to something you have learned in school that you want to do more research about, or something you have read about in a book or the news which has interested you. It could be an attempt to answer a question or trying to persuade the reader to try a hobby which you love. You could write a persuasive piece, an explanation of a topic/idea, movie review, or a recipe. Here are some titles from articles in previous editions that might inspire you: The Troubling Truth About TikTok, Why We Still Need Feminism, A&E: Are We Using It Too Much?, Let's Talk About Mental Health, What is The Key to Happiness, Living With Coronavirus, Islamophobia and The Cycle of Hate, 'Elf' Film Review and much, much more.

### **How should you structure your article?**

We are looking for articles of roughly 150 – 700 words. Your article should begin with an introduction, possibly giving a brief overview about the topic you are writing about or 'setting the scene'. If you look in our paper this is usually in bold at the top of each article. The middle should explain your argument, or what you are writing about – containing the key points you want to make. This may contain statistics, quotes, or other people's ideas, but always make sure these sources are reliable (we can always check this for you if you are not sure). Remember to consider another opinion or the other side of the argument you are trying to make, as this will make the reader think, and provide them with a more balanced argument. The ending should summarise your main argument: maybe explaining any conclusions you have drawn, or suggesting what the reader might have learnt from your article and how they can action this.

This definitely isn't the only way to write a great article, but it could be a good place to start, especially if you are not too sure!

**Things to remember:**

Please make sure the writing is fully your own and not plagiarised (this means copied from anywhere else, e.g. from Wikipedia). Remember that the paper is read by parents, teachers, and students of all ages within the Academy – ensure that topics are appropriate for everyone to read (if you are at all unsure if a topic is inappropriate, just send us an email!).

**Got an idea for a photo to go with your article?**

If you want a certain picture to go with your article, please send it to us but make sure it is 'royalty free' (This just means that it isn't copyrighted). One way to do this is to send us a photo you have taken yourself (with the permission of the people in the photograph if there are any), or send us a photo from a website such as Unsplash <https://unsplash.com/>, which is royalty free. If you do send us a photo that you found online, please add a link next to it of where you got it from, just so we can double check that it isn't copyrighted in any way. Even if it isn't possible to put in the picture you suggest, it will definitely give us a good idea of what type of image you think would work best!

**How do you submit your article?**

To submit your article to us (or if you have any questions about anything), please email [kanews@kas.cambrianlt.org](mailto:kanews@kas.cambrianlt.org) using either your school or your parent's email address (not your personal one), and make sure to include your name and tutor group at either the start or the end of your article. We aim to publish a new edition each term, so don't worry if you don't see your article right away – It may have just been a bit late for that issue or we may have just run out of space – It will be in the next issue instead, and we will try our best to let you know.

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