

Summary: Reading Formal and Informal Texts

In this program, Barbara Bleiman from the English and Media Centre reflects on a lesson for a Year 9 English language class which uses text messages and emails to teach about formality, effective language and grammar choices.

She is joined by the head of English at King Edward VI School in Bury St Edmunds [England], Lindsay Gumbrell, to discuss how using new language forms and engaging with text language can encourage students to be sensitive, confident analysts and users of English. She also reveals how it can form the basis of an enjoyable experience in the classroom.