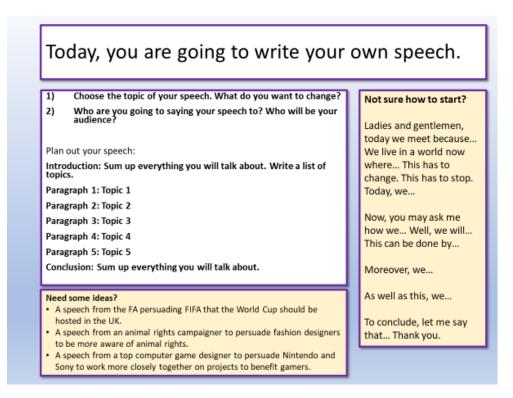
Year 11 English work for website – week 8.



On the next page is an example of a persuasive speech about the NHS.

I would like you to read it carefully (and all the useful notes that go with it!)

Have a go at writing your own persuasive speech about a topic you feel strongly about. Here are some ideas:



Good luck! I look forward to reading your speech!

What happens when you break your leg when playing football? You phone for an ambulance and you get taken to a hospital, where you receive treatment in order to repair your damaged bones. What happens when you fall incredibly ill? You go to a doctor or to hospital and they use their knowledge, experience, and skills to find a way to treat you and help you recover. However, who pays for all these services?	The speech opens with rhetorical questions, direct address and specific examples to show the audience how the NHS affects them in different ways. This helps engage the audience with the speaker's views.
Well, you may be surprised to know that every person in the UK provides National Insurance contributions that fund these services, known as the NHS. Before the NHS existed, each person in the UK would have to pay for their own healthcare or hope that charity would provide for them when they were ill. Nowadays, anyone can walk into a doctor's surgery or hospital and get treatment for free, thanks to the NHS system.	The speaker draws a comparison between what the world was like BEFORE the NHS existed and what the world is like NOW it does exist to help the audience see how the NHS is important to them. This helps set up the speaker to persuade the audience why they should see the NHS important to them as well.
Yet, as the population grows and people live longer and longer thanks to improved healthcare services, more and more money is spent on the NHS to keep it operating. Even though the institution is awfully expensive, however, it is still much cheaper than other healthcare systems around the world. The per capita healthcare spending of the NHS in 2017 was £2,989 per person, in comparison to other major nations such as France (£3,737), Germany (£4,432) and the United States (£7,736). The Institute for Fiscal Studies says that NHS spending will need to increase by 4% each year to improve healthcare services.	The speaker includes a number of facts and statistics to help support their ideas and <i>persuade</i> the audience that their ideas on increasing funding to the NHS are correct.
During the pandemic of 2020, NHS provisions were put under immense strain. Yet, despite the weekly clapping events and wor of praise from every politician in the country, no one has committed to significantly increasing NHS spending. Even though doctors, nurses and other key workers have risked their lives and pushed themselves again and again to protect us during the cris no one is saying we will be giving more money to the NHS to improve its services and reward these workers for their efforts time for this to change.	impacted on society and to persuade the audience that changes to funding need to happen. The speaker repeats the phrase 'no one' to emphasise to the audience that change has not been committed to despite
Each of you has a voice; we live in a democracy and we a all entitled to be heard. If you think the NHS deserves better funding then write to your MP, sign a petition, campaign in person and online – get out there and make difference. After all, the future of the NHS is never guaranteed and if we do not speak up for it today it migh not be there for you tomorrow. It is time for change.	a speaker uses direct address and pronouns to speak directly to the audience and to make them feel that these ideas are impacting on them as