

Yr 9 Argumentative Writing

1. Read this example of a 'reason giving' paragraph:

Firstly, school uniform is an excellent idea because it prevents students being bullied about the clothes they wear. In schools where students are allowed to wear their own clothes there is cut-throat competition to see who has the most fashionable wardrobe. Those poor young people who can't afford the latest and most outrageously expensive designer labels are often teased cruelly and relentlessly and therefore end up feeling too ashamed and miserable to attend school. In one of the most tragic, futile and extreme cases documented this led to a depressed and despairing teenage girl attempting suicide. Leading psychologist, Dr. Sarah Reed commented, "The pressure on young people to look good and sport a new outfit almost every week is unbearable for those families who simply cannot afford the crippling financial burden." Isn't school stressful enough for our young people? Shouldn't we allow them a carefree childhood before exposing them to the hideous pressures of competitive adult life? Are we really willing to allow something as damaging and downright dreadful as a school uniform ban?

2. Create a colour code for the following persuasive devices and underline them in the passage you have just read.

- *rule of three*
- *alliteration*
- *topic sentence*
- *emotive language*
- *rhetorical questions*
- *expert opinions*
- *connectives*

3. Write your own persuasive paragraph arguing ONE of the following points:

- *Teenagers need to be able to wear their own clothes in order to express their individuality*
- *If young children watch too many violent films it can make their behaviour more aggressive.*

Use ALL the persuasive devices you have been focusing on and underline them using your colour code.

