

Hind Leys College: A/A* session
April 13 2010
Writing Samples from the Day

From Mr B:

Thanks for your time today. We saw real progress. Remember – the main ingredient (as well as accuracy) is innovation – which means being interesting/quirky in your writing. Keep practising. Keep reading. And good luck in the summer.

1:

“I hate him,” said my friend Pete as we ventured into this cavernous space.

“Hate who?”

It was the start of the exam season. Here I am. And all Pete can talk about is his dad.

2:

Around 7,234 exam halls in the UK right now people like me are hearing these words: “You may start now”.

On GMTV at 6:45 today a doctor was lamenting / bemoaning / about obesity in this country. Today, yet again, our sports hall is closed. Yes, it’s the exam season.

3: Is this really ethical? Thousands of us, here and across the country, herded like cattle in cavernous barns.

4: (using which/who/that)

Mr Barton is an arrogant git. I don’t like him.

Mr Barton, an arrogant git, is detestable / obnoxious / revolting / vile.

5:

I’ve hated exams since I failed my cycling proficiency test.

Mr Barton is getting deeply tedious now.

He’s becoming really tedious. He drones on, mis-types everything, and looks a fool.

6:

Thinking back to when I was seven makes me tearful. Here's why.

5 – a nightmare about the place

1 – Introduce the place

2 – when I first visited it

3 – what it's like now

4 – why it's so unpleasant to me