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KS3 Prompt Bank (Year 7-9)

Personal Experiences

- A skill everyone should learn.
- My favourite place.
- A lesson I have learned.
- A person who inspires me.
- The best advice I have ever received.

School and Everyday Life

- Should school start later?
- What makes a good friend?
- Is competition a good thing?
- The importance of teamwork.
- What would I change about my school?

Fun and Imaginative

- If I were Prime Minister for a day...
- Three things I would take to a desert island.
- My dream invention.
- A world without technology.
- The greatest fictional character of all time.

The World Around Us

- Should animals be kept in zoos?
- What makes a place special?
- Why should we care about the environment?
- Is technology making life easier?
- What responsibility do we have to help others?



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KS4 Prompt Bank (Years 10-11)

Society and Current Affairs

- The impact of social media on young people.
- Should success be measured by exam results?
- Are celebrities good role models?
- The importance of protecting the environment.
- Is technology improving our lives?

Personal Development

- The value of failure.
- A challenge that helped me grow.
- The qualities of a good leader.
- Why resilience matters.
- The most important life skill.

Thought-Provoking Topics

- Should young people have more influence over politics?
- Is ambition always a good thing?
- What does fairness mean?
- Should schools do more than educate?
- The role of sport in society.

Media and Culture

- The influence of social media influencers.
- Should celebrities use their platforms for political issues?
- Has streaming changed entertainment for the better?
- The role of sport in society.
- Does the media have too much influence?



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Sixth Form Prompt Bank (Years 12-13)

Society and Politics

- What is the greatest challenge facing young people today?
- Is democracy still fit for purpose?
- What responsibilities come with free speech?
- Should governments regulate social media more heavily?
- Does technology improve society?

Ethics and Philosophy

- Equality or freedom: which matters more?
- What does success mean?
- Can progress exist without sacrifice?
- Does the individual matter more than the collective?
- Should happiness be the goal of society?

Future Thinking

- The future of artificial intelligence.
- What will define the next generation?
- Is higher education still worth it?
- How should we measure progress?
- What kind of world are we leaving behind?

Leadership and Change

- What makes an effective leader?
- Can one person change the world?
- The responsibilities of leadership.
- Is activism the best way to create change?
- What qualities will future leaders need?



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10 minute Filler Prompts

One-Minute Speeches

- Tea or coffee?
- The best invention ever.
- Cats or dogs?
- A book everyone should read.
- The perfect weekend.

Quick Opinion Prompts

- Homework should be banned.
- Everyone should learn a musical instrument.
- Social media does more harm than good.
- Uniforms should be optional.
- Public transport should be free for young people.

Think-Pair-Share

- What makes someone trustworthy?
- Is winning important?
- What makes a community strong?
- Should everyone volunteer?
- What is the biggest issue facing schools today?

Competition Prep Prompts

Personal and Authentic

- A belief I hold strongly.
- A moment that changed my perspective.
- What I wish more people understood.
- An issue that matters to me.
- A challenge I have overcome.

Persuasive Speaking

- Why reading still matters.
- Why young people should be listened to.
- The case for optimism.
- Why everyone should learn public speaking.
- Why failure should be celebrated.