KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL, BIRMINGHAM

Admission Paper in English

Section B: Your own writing
Time: 30 minutes

This leaflet consists of lined paper on which to complete a piece of writing. You probably won't fill the leaflet: we aren't expecting you to. If you do fill it, put your hand up and ask the teacher at the front for some more paper. Put any extra paper you use inside this leaflet when you hand it in. Most candidates usually write about one and a half pages: but quality is more important than quantity. In the last few minutes, check your work carefully for errors of spelling and punctuation.

Try to make your writing vivid and interesting. Remember to write in PARAGRAPHS, and to punctuate the ends of sentences properly. Remember that DIALOGUE (characters talking to one another) often helps to make a story more dramatic, and that DESCRIPTIONS allow the reader to picture your scene in detail.

Boys sometimes come to this exam with a composition which they have learned by heart. You must write about the subject described in this box. If you write about another subject, which you have prepared in advance, you will be given a much lower mark.

Here is your subject:

You are a First World War British soldier. During an attack, you become stranded in a shell-crater in No Man's Land: you are not badly wounded, but you cannot get back to the British trenches for fear of being shot if you leave the crater. Then a German soldier falls into the same crater along with you. Like you, he is tired and frightened but not badly wounded: he also cannot get back to his own side. The two of you **are not going to fight**; in fact, if it were not for the war you could have been friends.

What happens?

Candidate's Name .....

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