

Pupils banned from using slang words at school



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A school has hit the headlines today after its pupils were banned from using slang words in class.

Harris Academy Upper Norwood School in Croydon, London have banned words such as 'ain't', 'innit' and 'coz' in an attempt to improve the way the students speak.

They've also told pupils they can't start sentences with the word 'basically' or end them with the word 'yeah'.

Terry Victor, editor of the New Partridge Dictionary of Slang and Unconventional English said: "It's wrong.

"You cannot censor a young person's language, they're not talking about words that are offensive, they're talking about some of the words that politicians use.

"[The word] 'ain't' was around in the 19th Century, people like Dickens used it... and how many politicians have you heard say "basically" to begin a sentence?

"Yes, it's irritating but it's part of deliberate language."

I don't use slang but I think that slang words should be banned from schools because when you have a test you might be writing slang without knowing.

Sumiyah, London

I think that slang words should be banned at school because the young children at school can pick these things up and use them and teach these to other youths.

Aneeqa, Newham

No! you cant tell people how to speak plus in the real world lots of people use it.

Leen, London

I use slang, and the teachers don't care. Why ban it? if kids speak like that then let them.

Maariyah, Isleworth

I think slang words should be banned because if you went for an interview and you used slang words it wouldn't look good. It's not all about your results but how you are as a person. Talking in slang will decrease the chance of you getting the job.

Amina, Bradford

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