

# Haydon School

## Transition Work - English Language (A Level)

### TASK 1: Language Investigation

1. Collect a sample of different uses of language. Please see the list below for ideas:

- Group Chats / Texts
- Tik Tok comments / Instagram comments
- Advertising which features language prominently
- Newspaper articles
- Magazines
- Old letters
- War propoganda from the 1910s
- Government text (from .GOV websites)

2. Annotate the texts for interesting examples of language and grammar.

3. Write a paragraph about your findings.

Look for:

- patterns between in the language used
- any texts which stand out (and why?)
- factors that could influence how the texts are read and perceived

### TASK 2: Research a linguistic area

Research and write a short response (250 words approximately) on any of the following:

1. Accent and region - Do employers make biased hiring decisions on the basis of accent?
2. Age and slang - Has the language of young people become incomprehensible?
3. Gender and language - Do men and women speak differently?
4. Online identity - Does grammar matter in online communication?