

## A-level English Language Transition Work

### **1. Complete the following sections in the *Leaping into Language: Moving from GCSE to A-level Language Study* booklet:**

**Section 2:** *Leap into Language - Language Profile*

**Section 5:** *Language Fingerprints*

**Section 6:** *Key Events in Language History*

**Section 11:** *Opinions in the Media*

- Read at least three articles about language (refer to page 23 and the taster session resources for links).
- Write a language analysis of one of these articles (no more than three analytical paragraphs).

### **2. Complete one of the following tasks (700-750 words):**

#### **a) Write a short story:**

Write a short story inspired by a fiction text you have read and/or studied, drawing on a genre of your choice (e.g., thriller, dystopian, romance or gothic). Develop a vivid setting that helps shape mood and influences the events of the narrative, and use narrative voice, structure and language choices deliberately to engage the reader and create atmosphere.

#### **b) Write a piece of opinion journalism:**

Write an opinion article on a current issue that affects young people (e.g., social media, education, climate change or mental health). Develop a clear argument, use persuasive language techniques and consider how tone and audience influence the way your viewpoint is communicated.

#### **c) Write a speech on a current topic:**

Write a speech aimed at a specific audience (e.g., students, parents/guardians or policymakers) about a contemporary issue you feel strongly about. Focus on engaging your audience through rhetoric, structure and language, and consider how spoken delivery shapes meaning differently from other written forms.

### **3. Extension tasks:**

- a) **Explore *Emagazine*.** Log in and spend time browsing the site, sampling different articles before selecting one that interests you. Note that some articles focus on language, while others focus on literature. Refer to Section 9

of *Leaping into Language: Moving from GCSE to A-level Language Study* for other suggested activities.

*Emagazine* is a magazine and website for A-level students with articles written by academics, critics, writers, teachers and students on texts and topics set for A-level (and on literature and language more generally). The academy has a subscription. You will need the following log-in details:

Username: PrioryAcademy

Password: PrioryEnglish

<https://www.englishandmedia.co.uk/e-magazine>

- b) **Write a response to the following question:** In what ways is language use more important in some contexts than others?

### **Submission Information**

Please bring your work, clearly named and titled, to your first lesson in September.

This will be your first opportunity to make a positive impression on your teachers so it is essential that your work is completed to an excellent standard, both in terms of content and presentation.