**English Language Paper 2: Practice Transactional Writing Tasks**

Use these tasks to help you prepare for English Language Paper 2. Remember to keep looking back in your English exercise books to help with revision.

Pick some of the tasks and complete the following activities:

1. Annotate the question (PAFT)
2. Plan a response (6 paragraphs)
3. Write the opening paragraph using a range of language techniques – you could write 3 or 4 different openings
4. Complete the task in timed conditions (50 minutes maximum)
5. Once you have completed a paragraph or the complete task, read back though it and check and correct the following:

* SPAG
* Range of vocabulary (check you are not repeating words or using simple/vague vocabulary e.g. good/bad/get)
* Range of sentences – type/length/openers (WRITING HACK: Check every paragraph has a short sentence in it)
* Range of punctuation .,’;:()…-?! (WRITING HACK: Check every paragraph has at least one of the following ;()?!..- )

1. Read back through what you have written and annotate it – identify the techniques you have used and their effect

**TASKS:**

A teenage magazine has invited readers to write an article about a well-known person they admire. You decide to send in a contribution.

Your school is running a campaign during its Healthy Eating week and you have been asked to give a speech in assembly persuading students to eat more fruit and vegetables.

Write a letter to your local newspaper explaining your views on how we can protect the environment.

Write an article for a newspaper, exploring how technology can track our movements.

You could write about:

• the ways we are tracked, e.g. phones, computers, CCTV, supermarket scanners

• who tracks us, e.g. the police, large businesses, the government

• what the benefits are and/or what the problems could be as well as any other ideas you might have.

Write a letter to MI6, applying for a position as an Intelligence Officer.

In your letter you could:

• state why you are interested in the position

• describe the experience and skills that make you a good candidate

• explain the difference you can make to your country

*‘The price charged for top league football tickets is too high.’*

Write an article for a sports magazine arguing for or against this statement.

‘Young people face many pressures.’

Write a speech in which you explain your point of view on this statement.

Write a letter to a well-known celebrity, asking them to appear at a fundraising event for your favourite charity.

In your letter you could:

* State why you are writing and give details about the charity
* Describe what you want them to do at the charity event
* Explain why you think the celebrity might want to get involved