A Level Bridging Work

English Language

1. Research the terms **prescriptivism** and **descriptivism, and accent and dialect. You should understand exactly what is meant by these terms for your study next term.**

**2. Read: Scones and snails help app to map accents and dialects**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-cambridgeshire-35262229>

**3. Download the app or use GooglePlay to complete the questionnaire. What is your language classed as? Did it correctly locate where you are from?**

**4. Write a 300-500 word reaction to the following quote using the questions below to guide you:**

**"Everyone has strong views about the pronunciation of this word, but, perhaps surprisingly, we know rather little about who uses which pronunciation and where."**

* **What views do you think people have about language and varieties?**
* **Do you think different accents are preferred over other accents? Why?**
* **Do you think dialect phrases like ‘Where’s that to?’ are wrong? Why? Why not?**
* **Use the terminology you have researched for Question 1.**

**5. Write a letter to Dr. Adrian Leemann (linguist at Cambridge University who invented the app) explaining the ways in which you use your own language. Talk about how these factors affect the way in which you use your language: gender, age, social groups, class, and occupation.**