

ONCE an English student, ALWAYS an English student!



The English department would love for you to continue to stay cognitively engaged over the next few weeks and in the summer holidays. The following are suggestions, they are not compulsory, but we would love for you to engage in any that you find interesting, to help prepare you to become Sixth Form Ready!



 Books	<p>There is a 'Wider Reading List' for Key Stage 5 uploaded with this document. This includes a number of books that would be useful for you to read to broaden your cultural knowledge, whatever course you plan on taking next year.</p> <p>If you are specifically interested in texts that link to A-Level English Literature, the texts that we study are: 'The Great Gatsby' By F. Scott Fitzgerald, 'Spies' by Michael Frayn, 'Birthday Letters' by Ted Hughes, 'A Streetcar Named Desire' by Tennessee Williams and 'Othello' by William Shakespeare.</p>	
 Articles	<p>Poetry Archive - connect with the voice of poets and readings from William Blake to Kate Tempest: https://poetryarchive.org/</p>	<p>The Literary Review- A selection of articles and reviews on writers from Mary Shelly to Ian McEwan. Sign up for their free newsletter: https://literaryreview.co.uk/</p>
 Film	<p>There are many film adaptations of literary texts that would be useful for you to watch. The ones that are most useful linked to the A-Level English Literature course are:</p> <p><i>Othello</i> (1995- Director Oliver Parker and 1956- Director Orson Welles) <i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i> (1951- Director Elia Kazan) <i>Sylvia</i> (about the wife of Ted Hughes, Sylvia Plath. 2004- Director Christine Jeffs) <i>The Great Gatsby</i> (2013- Baz Luhrmann and 1974- Director Jack Clayton)</p>	
 Podcasts	<p>Podcasts from the world's greatest writers and thinkers: https://www.hayfestival.com/podcast</p>	<p>Free audiobooks: https://stories.audible.com/start-listen</p>

 <p>Documentaries / TV</p>	<p>Royal Shakespeare Company Watch 'Othello', 'Romeo and Juliet', 'Macbeth', and many more of Shakespeare's plays in performance at home: https://www.rsc.org.uk/news/watch-rsc-shows-from-home</p>	<p>National Theatre There are also a wide range of plays available to view on the 'National Theatre' website: https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/nt-at-home</p>
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Specific preparation for AQA English Literature A-Level (Specification A)

If you would like to be considered for A-Level English Literature, it would be highly beneficial for you to read the novel 'Spies' by Michael Frayn as this is one of the texts that we study at the start the course . You should make some notes on the reoccurring themes and the characters as you read. The York notes study guide on 'Spies' is very useful to aid your initial reading and study of this text.