

Year 12 English Literature - Summer Preparation

Independent Learning

Students of English Literature are expected to undertake independent and sustained studies to deepen their appreciation and understanding of English Literature, including its changing tradition. We suggest that alongside becoming familiar with the primary texts to be studied in Yr12, that students also develop their wider appreciation of literature by reading some of the suggested texts from a similar genre or author to the main texts being studied.

Primary Texts

- ***Doctor Faustus*** by Christopher Marlowe, ISBN 9780582817807
- ***Frankenstein*** by Mary Shelley, Penguin Classics ISBN 978-0141439471
- ***The Handmaid's Tale*** by Margaret Atwood, Vintage, ISBN 978-0099740919
- ***Poems of the Decade (An Anthology of the Forward Books of Poetry)*** Selected by William Sieghart, ISBN 9780571325405

Suggested reading

- The Strange case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde – Robert Louis Stevenson
- 1984 – George Orwell
- Nights at the Circus - Angela Carter
- Flowers for Algernon – Daniel Keyes
- The Last Man – Mary Shelley
- Oryx and Crake / Alias Grace – Margret Atwood
- Fahrenheit 451 – Ray Bradbury
- Slaughterhouse-five - Kurt Vonnegut
- The Turn of the Screw – Henry James
- The Alchemist – Ben Jonson