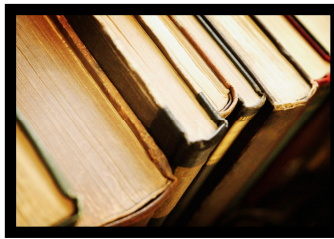


Blackfen School for Girls: English Department



Year 12 A Level Literature Preparation.

Hello and welcome to KS5 English.

All of the teachers in the English Department are passionate about great books and reading and you have to be too in order to be successful at A Level. So, just to make sure that the course is right for you, I've included a suggested reading list to give you something interesting and challenging to do over the summer. There really is something for everyone but you won't find any "easy reads". A Level Literature is a big jump from GCSE therefore it is a good idea to see the level of texts you will be expected to read, independently, over the next two years.

If you're up for a challenge...read on!

The Summer Reading Challenge

Read, at least, **one** book from the list (they're all classics so are readily available from your local library), then choose your favourite and prepare a presentation to give to the class at the start of term.

The presentation need only be **five** minutes long and should include the name of the novel and its author, a brief synopsis, and your comments on the genre, characters, narrative technique and themes.

Equipment List:

- Two ring binders, file dividers, A4 lined paper, highlighters, HB pencils and blue/black ink pens
- **In addition, you will be given a reading list, in September, of the text you will need to buy for the A Level course.**

Have a great summer. Good luck with your GCSE results and happy reading.

Mrs Lucas

Year 12 Recommended Reading List

Author

Jane Austen
Charlotte Brontë
Emily Brontë
Angela Carter
Joseph Conrad
George Eliot
Sebastian Faulkes
E.M. Forster
Elizabeth Gaskell
William Golding
Thomas Hardy
Joseph Heller
Aldous Huxley
Henry James
Franz Kafka
D.H. Lawrence
Harper Lee
Ian McEwan
George Orwell
Mary Shelley
Robert Louis Stevenson
Jonathan Swift
Oscar Wilde

Selection of Titles

Sense and Sensibility; Northanger Abbey;
Jane Eyre
Wuthering Heights
Nights at The Circus
Heart of Darkness; Lord Jim
Adam Bede; Mill on the Floss;
Birdsong
Howard's End; Maurice; Room With a View
Cranford; Mary Barton
Lord of the Flies
Tess of the d'Urbervilles
Catch 22
Brave New World
Turn of the Screw
Metamorphosis
The Rainbow; Women in Love
To Kill a Mocking Bird
Atonement; Enduring Love
Animal Farm; 1984
Frankenstein
Treasure Island; Dr. Jekyll and Mr Hyde
Gulliver's Travels
The Picture of Dorian Gray