

Thank you for your interest in studying English Literature next year at AS Level; we are very much looking forward to the new academic year.

The WJEC GCE AS/A Level English Literature course is designed for people who genuinely love reading and analysing a range of different literary forms and genre. It is important that all our students are independent readers and thinkers, and to this end I have included a reading list here to give you a flavour of the kind of challenging literature you will read over the coming two years.

**Essential Prose:**

*Jane Eyre* – Charlotte Bronte

**Desirable Prose:**

*The Great Gatsby* – F. Scott Fitzgerald

*Sense and Sensibility* – Jane Austen

**Essential Drama:**

*A Streetcar Named Desire* – Tennessee Williams

**Desirable Drama:**

*Death of a Salesman* – Arthur Miller

**Essential Poetry:**

*The Thought Fox/The Jaguar* - Ted Hughes

*Daddy/Mirror* - Sylvia Plath

*Y Gaer/The Hill Fort* - Owen Sheers

*The Skunk/The Harvest Bow* - Seamus Heaney

*Remember* – Christina Rossetti

**Desirable Poetry:**

*A Poison Tree/The Tyger/The Chimney Sweeper* - William Blake

*Queen Kong/Mrs Midas* - Carol Ann Duffy

*Gifts/Welsh Landscape* - R.S. Thomas

You must have read the texts identified as 'essential' by the time you join us in September. However, please attempt to read as much as possible in the lead up to the new academic year.

Please purchase your own copy of each of the following texts:

*Jane Eyre* – Charlotte Bronte – ISBN 978-0141441146 (Penguin Classics)

*Ted Hughes: Poems Selected by Simon Armitage*: ISBN 978-0-571-22295-7 (Faber and Faber)

*Sylvia Plath: Poems Selected by Ted Hughes*: ISBN 978-0-571-22297-1 (Faber and Faber)