



# ENGLISH LIT @ BWS

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guide

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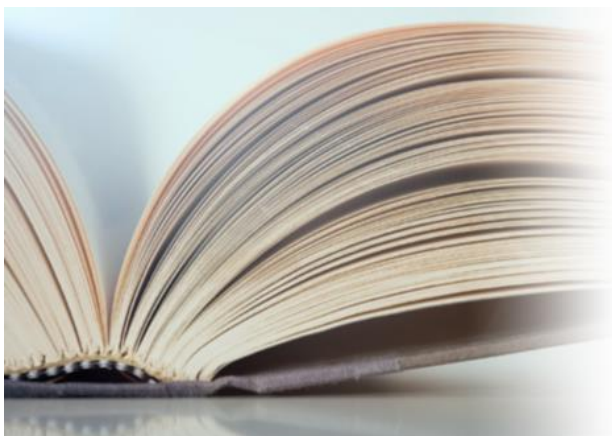
## Introduction

This handbook is designed for students of English Literature at Bishop Wordsworth's School. By outlining the OCR course (from 2015) we follow, and offering guidelines with which to approach it, we hope that you will get the most out of the course as well as having a clear understanding of what we expect of you.

The handbook should *not* be seen as the definitive word on studying English Literature at A level. Ultimately, your greatest resource is the staff.

NB: This guide can also be found on the school website and some of the information in this guide also comes from materials produced by OCR.

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### **The course:**

**AS level Code:     H072**

**A Level Code:     H472**

### **Website (specifications and resources):**

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-a-level-gce-english-literature-h072-h472-from-2015/>

# The Nine Habits of Successful Study at AS/A Level



## 1 Get Organised!

At the start of the course, find out everything you can about events, such as internal exams, coursework deadlines, term dates, etc.. Get yourself a decent diary and use it! Pencil these dates into it, and make a note any time that you are given an essay or coursework deadline. Write in warning notices such as *one week left until Joyce essay deadline*, so that you don't miss events. Buy a wall planner for your bedroom, and record these events on this also. Make copies of your timetable for your bedroom, your diary and the inside of your locker.

## 2 A Little Often Goes a Long Way

Pick regular times and places to study during your school week. Choose a place free from distractions, where information you will need is close at hand. On your timetable, mark in at least *at least three* periods of study devoted to English. Once committed to paper, these should be fixed and considered a part of your obligatory timetable.

## 3 Read to Succeed

There is no substitute for reading the prescribed texts on your course. Try to read regularly, from the recommended list as well as from the prescribed one. If you have problems with this, set yourself reading targets each month and *stick with them!* Another idea is to keep 'reading logs'. You could, for example, record your thought at the end of each chapter / act, etc. Alternatively, keep character logs: devoting a page in your notebooks to each major character in a text and making a note on the relevant page whenever something important happens. A final idea is the one page summary: divide a large sheet of paper up into the number of sections within the text (chapters / acts, etc.) and write a brief summary into each section as you read it.

## 4. Take Note!

From Day One of your course, make a resolution to keep a set of organised, detailed notes. Divide a folder into the relevant sections of the course, and keep a separate area for returned work and exam titles that could be used in revision. Use underlining, headings, boxes and colours to code areas and make sections of your notes stand out. Take a pride in them - they will be checked from time to time. Keep them regularly updated - if you miss a lesson, talk to a friend and catch up sooner rather than later. Record information as a diagram if you find this easier: often, these type of notes are more easily accessed later on. Why not regularly transfer notes to a computer?

## 5. Research Regularly

Increasingly, vast amounts of information are becoming available. You must judge its value each time you encounter it. Don't let the grass grow under your feet: as soon as find out what you will be studying, lose no time on researching the writer and his or her works. Don't just rely on the internet: why not organise a small number of you to visit a university library over a weekend? Critical works on major writers are constantly being updated and added to.

## 6. Keep a Dialogue Open

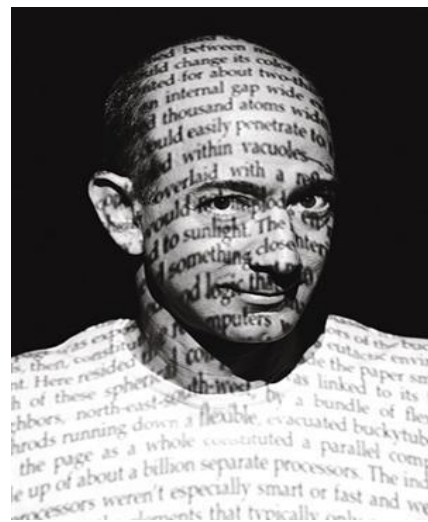
Always talk to people about your progress and what you are studying. This included parents, peers and your teachers. Discuss your work with your parents - don't let a disaster unfold, only for them to find out when it's too late. Always talk to your peers about the work you are doing. They may offer fresh approaches and insights, provide a helping hand, or even a shoulder to cry on. Perhaps most importantly, talk to your English teachers. Ask them about your progress, raise any concerns, discuss the texts with them. Ask about the course, its structure, and when various assessments will take place. They will be only too happy to see you engaged with your course.

## 7. Write Dynamic Essays

Reading the critical works of others will enable you to understand the language of practical criticism more than any other exercise. Your teachers will also give you plenty of advice and practice in this area.

## 8. Enjoy Your Time!

Studying for your A levels can be a great time of your life, giving you the independence of person but also the security you are used to, bridging compulsory and Further Education. You may love some of the texts you study, you may really struggle with others. Keep an open mind, and give yourself time to listen, absorb material and cultivate tastes. Often, the best relationship a reader has with a writer is



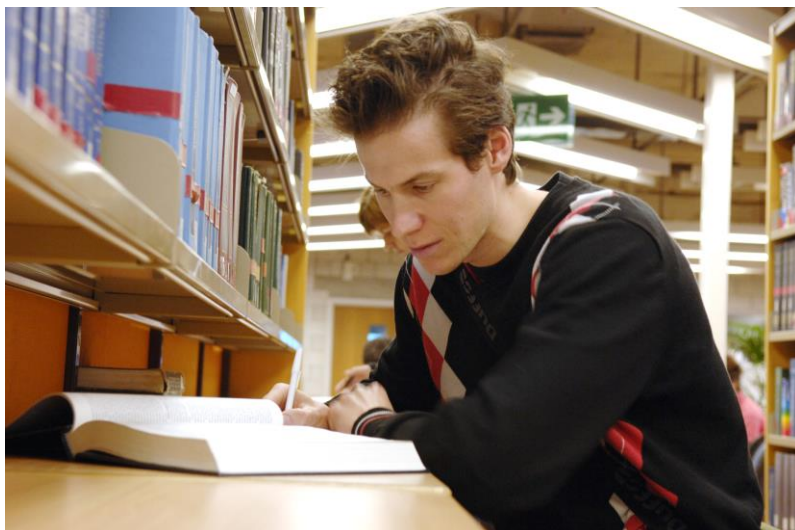
one that has taken some time to grow and deepen. Don't dismiss upon first impressions. Get involved in what is going on in and around your sixth form beyond your studies.

### 9. Finally...Start with the End in Mind

There may be times over the two years of your A level literature course when you feel dispirited, snowed under and without direction. You may wonder where the course is leading to for you. A way through this, leading to a much more motivated approach, is to think carefully about where this course, as well as your other A levels, will lead you. Where do you want to be when you are forty? How will what you do now have some part to play in getting you there? Write your long-term goals down and look at them regularly.

**Study Skills Checklist – tick off when you feel proficient in these skills or ask a teacher if you would like opportunities to develop them.**

- Research skills, using a library and/ or Information and Communication Technology
- Effective and selective reading of reference texts
- The ability to plan and write an organised and stylishly - written essay
- Conversational and discussion skills / effective collaborative skills
- Oral presentation skills
- Written presentation skills (hand-written and word processed)
- Time management skills: meeting deadlines, organisation of private study time, etc.
- Annotation skills when working with a text
- Note-taking techniques
- Revision techniques
- Examination techniques





## A2 at a glance

### 2a. Overview of A Level in English Literature (H472)

Learners must complete all components (01, 02 and 03) to be awarded the A Level in English Literature.

Content Overview	Assessment Overview	
<p><b>Component 01</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shakespeare</li> <li>• Drama and poetry pre-1900</li> </ul> <p><b>Component 02</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close reading in chosen topic area</li> <li>• Comparative and contextual study from chosen topic area</li> </ul> <p><b>Component 03</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Critical piece OR re-creative writing piece with commentary</li> <li>• Comparative essay*</li> </ul>	<p>Drama and poetry pre-1900 (01)*</p> <p>Written paper</p> <p>60 marks</p> <p>Closed text</p> <p>2 hours 30 minutes</p>	<p><b>40%</b></p> <p>of total A level</p>
	<p>Comparative and contextual study (02)*</p> <p>Written paper</p> <p>60 marks</p> <p>Closed text</p> <p>2 hours 30 minutes</p>	<p><b>40%</b></p> <p>of total A level</p>
	<p>Literature post-1900 (03)*</p> <p>40 marks</p> <p>Non examined assessment</p>	<p><b>20%</b></p> <p>of total A level</p>

#### Component 1 Texts:

*The Tempest* William Shakespeare  
*The Selected Poems of Christina Rossetti*  
*The Duchess of Malfi* John Webster

#### Component 2 Texts:

*The Bloody Chamber* Angela Carter  
*Dracula* Bram Stoker  
 plus extracts from 'The Gothic' for unseen element

#### Component 3 Texts:

*The World's Wife* Carol Ann Duffy (for Task 1)  
*A Streetcar Named Desire* Tennessee Williams (for Task 2)  
*Atonement* Ian McEwan (for Task2) ISBN - 0099429799

## How Your Work Will be Assessed:

Your work is assessed through five main assessment objectives.

	Assessment Objective
AO1	Articulate informed, personal and creative responses to literary texts, using associated concepts and terminology, and coherent, accurate written expression.
AO2	Analyse ways in which meanings are shaped in literary texts.
AO3	Demonstrate understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which literary texts are written and received.
AO4	Explore connections across literary texts.
AO5	Explore literary texts informed by different interpretations.

At AS level, the weightings are as follows:

Component	% of AS level					
	AO1	AO2	AO3	AO4	AO5	Total
Shakespeare and poetry pre-1900 (H072/01)	15%	20%	5%	5%	5%	50%
Drama and prose post-1900 (H072/02)	15%	10%	15%	5%	5%	50%
	30%	30%	20%	10%	10%	100%

At A level, the weightings are as follows:

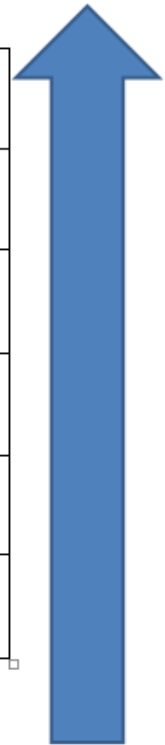
Component	% of A level					
	AO1	AO2	AO3	AO4	AO5	Total
Drama and poetry pre-1900 (H472/01)	10%	7.5%	10%	5%	7.5%	40%
Comparative and contextual study (H472/02)	5%	15%	12.5%	5%	2.5%	40%
Literature post-1900 (H472/03)	5%	7.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	20%
	20%	30%	25%	12.5%	12.5%	100%

We will be encouraging you to carefully consider how best to address each of these at relevant point in the course. Over the next few pages, you can see how we intend to break these objectives down into clear levels of skill that you will gradually build up over the AS or A level course. Different students will begin at different points, but you will all be encouraged to discover the tools needed to climb through the skills levels.

## A02: Analyse ways in which meanings are shaped in literary texts

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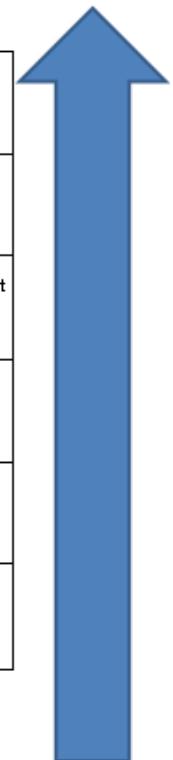
<b>Create</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can write about language, form and structure in original and creative ways</li> <li>I can analyse a text with a creative and fresh approach of my own</li> <li>I can integrate quotations into my argument in an original, convincing and creative manner.</li> </ul>
<b>Evaluate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can evaluate the effectiveness of language, form and structure in this text</li> <li>I can judge the effectiveness of my own analysis and that of other on this text</li> <li>I can evaluate the appropriateness of quotations integrated into my argument</li> </ul>
<b>Analyse</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can analyse the language, form and structure of a text</li> <li>I can analyse this text with the appropriate detailed terminology</li> <li>I analyse the effectiveness and significance of the quotations I have integrated into my argument</li> </ul>
<b>Apply</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can apply my understanding of concepts of language, form and structure to this text</li> <li>I can apply analytical comments made by others to areas of this text.</li> <li>I can successfully integrate quotations I've chosen myself into my argument</li> </ul>
<b>Understand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can understand comments made about language, form and structure that relate to this text</li> <li>I understand some of the analytical comments that were made about this text.</li> <li>I understand the significance of some quotations taken from this text</li> </ul>
<b>Remember</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can recall some of the things that were said about language, form and structure with this text</li> <li>I recall some of the analytical comments that were made about this text.</li> <li>I remember some significant quotations relating generally to this text</li> </ul>



## A03: Demonstrate an understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which literary texts are written and received

Taxonomy Model:

<b>Create</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can come up with my own creative, informed ideas about the significance of when this text was written, and when it was read</li> </ul>
<b>Evaluate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can judge what is appropriate and / or significant concerning when this text was written, or make evaluate differences between contemporary or modern readings</li> </ul>
<b>Analyse</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can involve different ideas about when this text was written, or analyse the different ways in which it might be read according to when it was read</li> </ul>
<b>Apply</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can find out about some of the things that are significant about when this text was written, and how readings of it have changed over time</li> </ul>
<b>Understand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can demonstrate that I understand what is significant about when this text was written, and that it might be read / interpreted in different ways according to when it was read</li> </ul>
<b>Remember</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can recall some of the things that are significant about when this text was written, or summarise approaches to how readings of it have changed over time</li> </ul>

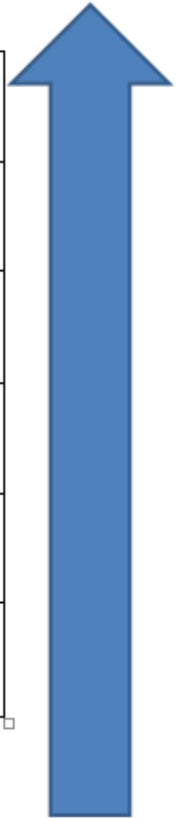




#### A04: Explore connections across literary texts

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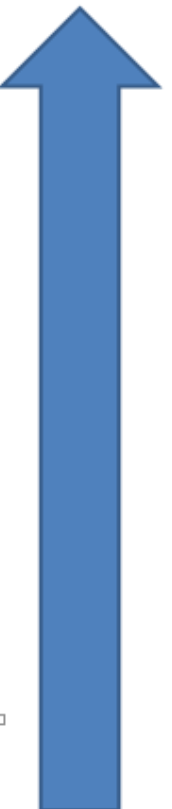
<b>Create</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I can come up imaginative / <u>original</u> but highly relevant connections between texts, and apply them in a manner that is central to my argument</li></ul>
<b>Evaluate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I can evaluate the significance and importance of subtle connections between texts</li></ul>
<b>Analyse</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I can take connections between texts, and then analyse them effectively</li></ul>
<b>Apply</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I can take ideas about connections between the texts, and apply them in a relevant <u>manner</u> to my argument</li></ul>
<b>Understand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I can demonstrate some understanding of relevant connections that I have made between texts</li></ul>
<b>Remember</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I can remember and include some of the main connections made between two texts that are <u>relevant</u> to the task</li></ul>



#### A05: Explore literary texts informed by different interpretations

Taxonomy Model:

<b>Create</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I can find creative but credible ways to apply a number of literary theories to the same area of a text and evaluate the results</li></ul>
<b>Evaluate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I can apply different readings and literary theories to the same area of a text and evaluate / argue why one might be seen as more credible than the other</li></ul>
<b>Analyse</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I can apply different readings and literary theories to the same area of a text and analyse the difference</li></ul>
<b>Apply</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I can apply different readings and literary theories to the same area of a text</li></ul>
<b>Understand</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I can show an understanding of different interpretations of a text</li></ul>
<b>Remember</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I remember some different ways that the text has been read</li></ul>



# Coursework Guidance

## Coursework Supervision and Authentication

Sufficient work must be carried out under direct supervision to allow your teacher to authenticate your coursework with confidence.

Your teachers must verify that the tasks submitted for assessment are your own original work and should only sign the declaration of authentication if this is the case; they may not qualify the authentication in any way.

## Supervision

There are three different stages in the production of your tasks:

- planning;
- first draft;
- final submission.

There will be a precise **deadline** given for each of these three stages, which you'll be expected to keep to. Failure to do this will mean that your teacher won't be able to give you any guidance at that stage.

The permitted level of supervision is different at each stage and is as follows:

### Planning

Your teacher will provide detailed guidance for you in relation to the purpose and requirement of the task. This could include discussion on:

- selection of appropriate material;
- an appropriate and effective title;
- recommended reading;
- possible structure;
- how to resolve practical and conceptual problems;
- research techniques;
- time planning and deadlines;
- how your teacher will monitor progress throughout the process to ensure that you are proceeding to plan and deadlines.

After this, you will proceed with making a detailed plan. Your teacher will give you a deadline for when this is due in. Having looked at all plans, your teacher will give your group general feedback about where plans are successful and where they need re-working. This will be given orally to the group, but your teacher will also supply a written summary of this feedback. Your teacher will then divide your set into three groups: students who are doing well; students who are making reasonable progress but need to re-work plans in some way; and students who will need to make significant changes. Your teacher will then highlight the areas of guidance that are specific to each group.

### First draft

Your teacher will then set a deadline for your first draft to be handed in. Because he or she cannot give specific advice to a student about their individual piece, failure to meet the deadline could well result in you getting no feedback on your first draft, as late advice is necessarily individual advice.

There are clear guidelines about the type of help your teacher can and cannot give you:

#### **What your teachers can do:**

- review the work in either written or oral form, concentrating on the appropriateness of the title and content; structure; references.

#### **What your teachers can't do:**

- give, either to individual candidates or to groups, detailed advice and suggestions as to how the work may be improved in order to meet the assessment criteria;
- check and correct early drafts of sections or the completed tasks.

#### **Examples of unacceptable assistance include:**

- detailed indication of errors or omissions;
- advice on specific improvements needed to meet the criteria;
- the provision of outlines, paragraph or section headings, or writing templates specific to the task;
- personal intervention to improve the presentation or content of the coursework.

As with the plan, your teacher will take in the first drafts, and then give general oral and written feedback to your set about what needs to be done to make progress. **At this stage, your teacher will give you a rough idea which 'band' your work sits in.** This will not be written down, as it is intended only to encourage *you* to work out what you need to do to move into a higher band. However, your teacher is not permitted to give you a specific mark or detailed reasons why your particular essay is in that band. As with the planning stage, you will then be divided into three groups, this will signal the level of improvements people of each group will need to make as they move towards the final submission. Your teacher will work with each group giving general points of guidance as before. **Once they have seen your first draft, they will not be able to see or comment on any further versions of your work until you submit your final piece. It's therefore really important that the first draft is a complete piece that you have spent a lot of time and effort on.**

#### **Final submission**

Once the final draft is submitted it cannot be revised:

- 'fair copies' of marked work will not be allowed;
- adding or removing any material to or from coursework after it has been presented by you for final assessment constitutes malpractice.

#### **Authentication**

Your teachers are required to:

- sign the authentication form to declare that the work is original and you alone;
- provide details of the extent and nature of advice given to you;
- declare the circumstances under which the final work was produced.

#### **Word Limit**

Your coursework folder has a word limit (the official one is NOT including quotations). This should be divided, according to the exam board's recommendations, between the two tasks. Word counts including and not including quotations should be submitted with both tasks your folder goes over this word limit, **your piece will stop being marked from the point it crosses the limit.** Quotations and the task title are NOT included in the word count.

## How to Present Your Coursework

- Word process your work
- Use a head and / or a footer to insert your name, candidate number, 'English Literature Coursework', the date of submission and the page number.
- Use 1.5 line spacing and a standard font – either Times New Roman or Ariel, black and 11 or 12 point.
- Set out the title in bold, clearly, at the top of the first page of the piece.
- Set out quotations properly. Extracts of more than a few words should be set out on a separate line, indented from the left hand margin, and verse should be set out in verse form, aligned on the left like the original. Set quotations within quotation marks rather than italics. Remember that speech within quotations will need a separate set of quotation marks.
- Titles of books, either in your task title or within your text, should be written in italics.
- Print on one side of the page only.
- Provide a bibliography, even if it only the texts named in the title. You must indicate all the sources, including specific addresses of pages from internet sites.
- If your Task 1 piece is responding to an extract, you should have a copy of that extract attached clearly and securely to the back of the piece of work. This should be the case with the first draft as well as the final submission.
- Check your drafts carefully before handing them in. Remember that your teachers will not be writing on your drafts or pointing out specific errors – it will be up to you to pick these up. Use spell check, but check again after that from a paper copy.
- Indicate the word count, not including quotations. Your computer can do this for you.
- Check that you have completed the cover sheet and ensure that it is securely fastened to the work. It should be correctly filled in and signed by you.



# How Your Coursework (AL: Component 3) Will be Marked

## Task 1: Close Reading

An answer does not have to meet all the requirements of a level descriptor before being placed in that level. The extent to which it meets all of the requirements of a level descriptor will determine its placement within that level. The extent to which the statements within the level have been achieved should be the only criteria used when deciding the mark within a level. Candidate work which fully meets all criteria for a level should be awarded the top mark in the level.

Level 6 13–15 marks	AO2 (67%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Well-developed and consistently detailed discussion of ways in which language, form and structure in selected passage shape meanings.</li> <li>Consistently focused and precise use of analytical methods.</li> <li>Consistently effective use of quotations and references, critically addressed, blended into discussion.</li> </ul>
	AO1 (33%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excellent understanding of selected passage and its place in the wider text.</li> <li>Consistently fluent and accurate writing in appropriate register.</li> <li>Critical concepts and terminology used accurately and consistently.</li> <li>Well-structured, coherent argument consistently developed.</li> </ul>
Level 5 10–12 marks	AO2 (67%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developed and detailed discussion of ways in which language, form and structure in selected passage shape meanings with good level of detail.</li> <li>Very good use of analytical methods.</li> <li>Very good use of quotations and references, usually critically addressed, well integrated.</li> </ul>
	AO1 (33%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very good and secure understanding of selected passage and its place in the wider text.</li> <li>Very good level of coherence and accuracy in writing, in appropriate register.</li> <li>Critical concepts and terminology used accurately.</li> <li>Well-structured argument, with clear line of development.</li> </ul>
Level 4 7–9 marks	AO2 (67%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Competently developed discussion of ways in which language, form and structure in selected passage shape meanings.</li> <li>Competent use of analytical methods.</li> <li>Competent use of illustrative quotations and references, sometimes critically addressed, often integrated.</li> </ul>
	AO1 (33%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Competent understanding of selected passage and its place in the wider text.</li> <li>Clear writing in generally appropriate register.</li> <li>Critical concepts and terminology used appropriately.</li> <li>Straightforward argument competently structured and developed.</li> </ul>
Level 3 4–6 marks	AO2 (67%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Straightforward discussion of ways in which language, form and structure in selected passage shape meanings.</li> <li>Some attempt to use analytical methods.</li> <li>Some use of quotations and references as illustration.</li> </ul>
	AO1 (33%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Straightforward understanding of selected passage and its place in the wider text.</li> <li>Mostly clear writing, perhaps with inconsistencies in register.</li> <li>Some appropriate use of critical concepts and terminology.</li> <li>Straightforward argument evident, lacking development.</li> </ul>
Level 2 2–3 marks	AO2 (67%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited discussion of ways in which language, form and structure in selected passage shape meanings.</li> <li>Limited attempt to use analytical methods.</li> <li>Limited use of quotations and references as illustration.</li> </ul>
	AO1 (33%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited understanding of selected passage and its place in the wider text.</li> <li>Limited clear writing, some inconsistencies in register.</li> <li>Limited use of critical concepts and terminology.</li> <li>Limited structured argument evident, lacking development.</li> </ul>
Level 1 1 mark	AO2 (67%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Little or no relevant discussion of ways in which language, form and structure shape meanings.</li> <li>Commentary with little or no use of analytical methods.</li> <li>Few quotations (e.g. one or two) or no quotations used.</li> </ul>
	AO1 (33%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Little or no relevant understanding of selected passage and its place in the wider text.</li> <li>Inconsistent writing with persistent serious technical errors, very little or no use of appropriate register.</li> <li>Persistently inaccurate or no use of critical concepts and terminology.</li> <li>Undeveloped, fragmentary discussion.</li> </ul>
0 marks		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No response or no response worthy of credit.</li> </ul>

## Task 1: Recreative

Level 6 13–15 marks	AO2 (67%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consistently effective re-creative response to stylistic characteristics and concerns of the original text.</li> <li>Well-developed and consistently detailed appreciation of ways in which language, form and structure shape meanings in re-creative passage and in commentary.</li> <li>Consistently focused and precise use of analytical methods in commentary.</li> <li>Consistently effective use of quotations and references, critically addressed, blended into discussion.</li> </ul>
	AO1 (33%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Excellent and consistently detailed understanding of original text.</li> <li>Consistently fluent and accurate writing, in appropriate register, in both re-creative passage and commentary.</li> <li>Critical concepts and terminology used accurately and consistently in commentary.</li> <li>Well-structured, coherent argument consistently developed in commentary.</li> </ul>
Level 5 10–12 marks	AO2 (67%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developed and appropriate re-creative response to stylistic characteristics and concerns of the original text.</li> <li>Developed and detailed appreciation of ways in which language, form and structure shape meanings in re-creative passage and in commentary.</li> <li>Very good use of analytical methods in commentary.</li> <li>Very good use of quotations and references, usually critically addressed, well integrated.</li> </ul>
	AO1 (33%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Very good and secure understanding of original text.</li> <li>Very good level of coherence and accuracy in writing, in appropriate register, in both re-creative passage and commentary.</li> <li>Critical concepts and terminology used accurately in commentary.</li> <li>Well-structured argument with clear line of development in commentary.</li> </ul>
Level 4 7–9 marks	AO2 (67%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Competent re-creative response to stylistic characteristics and concerns of the original text.</li> <li>Competently developed appreciation of ways in which language, form and structure shape meanings in re-creative passage and in commentary.</li> <li>Competent use of analytical methods in commentary.</li> <li>Competent use of illustrative quotations and references to support discussion, often integrated.</li> </ul>
	AO1 (33%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Competent understanding of original text.</li> <li>Clear writing in generally appropriate register in both re-creative passage and commentary.</li> <li>Critical concepts and terminology used appropriately in commentary.</li> <li>Straightforward argument competently structured and developed in commentary.</li> </ul>
Level 3 4–6 marks	AO2 (67%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Straightforward re-creative response to stylistic characteristics and concerns of the original text.</li> <li>Straightforward appreciation of ways in which language, form and structure shape meanings in re-creative passage and commentary.</li> <li>Some attempt to use analytical methods in commentary.</li> <li>Some use of quotations and references as illustration.</li> </ul>
	AO1 (33%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Straightforward understanding of original text.</li> <li>Mostly clear writing, perhaps with inconsistencies in register in both re-creative passage and commentary.</li> <li>Some appropriate use of critical concepts and terminology in commentary.</li> <li>Straightforward argument evident in commentary, lacking development.</li> </ul>
Level 2 2–3 marks	AO2 (67%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited re-creative response to stylistic characteristics and concerns of the original text.</li> <li>Limited appreciation of ways in which language, form and structure shape meanings in re-creative passage and in commentary.</li> <li>Limited attempt to use analytical methods in commentary.</li> <li>Limited use of quotations and references as illustration.</li> </ul>
	AO1 (33%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited understanding of original text.</li> <li>Limited clear writing, some inconsistencies in register in both re-creative passage and commentary.</li> <li>Limited use of critical concepts and terminology in commentary.</li> <li>Limited structured argument evident in commentary, lacking development.</li> </ul>
Level 1 1 mark	AO2 (67%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Little relevant in re-creative response to stylistic characteristics and concerns of the original text.</li> <li>Little or no appreciation of ways in which language, form and structure shape meanings in re-creative passage and in commentary.</li> <li>Commentary with little or no use of analytical methods.</li> <li>Few quotations (e.g. one or two) or no quotations used.</li> </ul>
	AO1 (33%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Little or no relevant understanding of original text.</li> <li>Inconsistent writing with persistent serious technical errors, very little or no use of appropriate register in re-creative passage and commentary.</li> <li>Persistently inaccurate or no use of critical concepts and terminology.</li> <li>Undeveloped, fragmentary discussion.</li> </ul>
0 marks		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No response or no response worthy of credit.</li> </ul>

## Task 2 – Comparative Essay

Level 6 22–25 marks	AO1 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent and consistently detailed understanding of two texts and task undertaken.</li> <li>• Consistently fluent and accurate writing in appropriate register.</li> <li>• Critical concepts and terminology used accurately and confidently.</li> <li>• Well-structured, coherent argument, consistently developed.</li> </ul>
	AO2 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consistently coherent discussion of ways in which language, form and structure shape meanings, contributing to development of argument.</li> <li>• Consistently focused and precise use of analytical methods.</li> <li>• Consistently effective use of quotations and references, blended into discussion.</li> </ul>
	AO3 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consistently well-developed and detailed understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which literary texts are written and received, as appropriate to the task.</li> </ul>
	AO4 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent and consistently detailed purposeful exploration of connections between texts.</li> </ul>
	AO5 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excellent and consistently detailed exploration of different readings or ways of reading the texts.</li> </ul>
Level 5 18–21 marks	AO1 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very good understanding of two texts and task undertaken.</li> <li>• Very good level of coherence and accuracy in writing, in appropriate register.</li> <li>• Critical concepts and terminology used accurately.</li> <li>• Well-structured argument, with clear line of development.</li> </ul>
	AO2 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developed discussion of ways in which language, form and structure shape meanings, contributing to argument.</li> <li>• Effective use of analytical methods.</li> <li>• Effective use of quotations and references, usually well integrated.</li> </ul>
	AO3 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very good, clear evaluation of the significance and influence of the contexts in which literary texts are written and received, as appropriate to the task.</li> </ul>
	AO4 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very good, clear purposeful exploration of connections between texts.</li> </ul>
	AO5 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Very good exploration of different readings or ways of reading the texts.</li> </ul>
Level 4 13–17 marks	AO1 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competent understanding of two texts and task undertaken</li> <li>• Clear writing in generally appropriate register</li> <li>• Critical concepts and terminology used appropriately</li> <li>• Straightforward argument, competently structured and developed.</li> </ul>
	AO2 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competent discussion of ways in which language, form and structure shape meanings</li> <li>• Competent use of analytical methods</li> <li>• Competent use of illustrative quotations and references, often integrated.</li> </ul>
	AO3 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competent understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which literary texts are written and received, as appropriate to the task.</li> </ul>
	AO4 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competent discussion of connections between texts.</li> </ul>
	AO5 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competent discussion of different readings or ways of reading the texts.</li> </ul>
Level 3 9–12 marks	AO1 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Straightforward understanding of two texts and task undertaken.</li> <li>• Mostly clear writing, perhaps with inconsistencies in register.</li> <li>• Some appropriate use of critical concepts and terminology.</li> <li>• Straightforward argument evident, lacking development.</li> </ul>
	AO2 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Straightforward discussion of ways in which language, form and structure shape meanings.</li> <li>• Some attempt to use analytical methods.</li> <li>• Some use of quotations and references as illustration.</li> </ul>
	AO3 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which literary texts are written and received, as appropriate to the task.</li> </ul>
	AO4 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some attempt to develop discussion of connections between texts.</li> </ul>
	AO5 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some awareness of different readings or ways of reading the texts.</li> </ul>
Level 2 5–8 marks	AO1 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited understanding of texts and main elements of task undertaken.</li> <li>• Limited clear writing, some inconsistencies in register.</li> <li>• Limited use of critical concepts and terminology.</li> <li>• Limited structured argument, lacking development.</li> </ul>
	AO2 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited discussion of ways in which language, form and structure shape meanings.</li> <li>• Limited attempt to use analytical methods.</li> <li>• Limited use of quotations and references as illustration.</li> </ul>
	AO3 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which literary texts are written and received, as appropriate to the task.</li> </ul>
	AO4 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited attempt to develop discussion of connections between texts.</li> </ul>
	AO5 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited awareness of different readings or ways of reading the texts.</li> </ul>
Level 1 1–4 marks	AO1 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little or no relevant understanding of texts and little relevant attempt at task undertaken.</li> <li>• Inconsistent writing with persistent serious technical errors, very little or no use of appropriate register.</li> <li>• Persistently inaccurate or no use of critical concepts and terminology.</li> <li>• Undeveloped, fragmentary discussion.</li> </ul>
	AO2 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little or no relevant discussion of ways in which language, form and structure shape meanings.</li> <li>• Commentary with little or no use of analytical methods.</li> <li>• Few quotations (e.g. one or two) or no quotations used.</li> </ul>
	AO3 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little reference to (possibly irrelevant) or no understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which literary texts are written and received, as appropriate to the task.</li> </ul>
	AO4 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little or no discussion of connections between texts.</li> </ul>
	AO5 (20%)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Little or no relevant awareness of different readings or ways of reading the texts.</li> </ul>
0 marks		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No response or no response worthy of credit.</li> </ul>

## COURSE STRUCTURE

Your course will be delivered between two teachers. The next three pages will give you an idea of how the course will be delivered, and where the assessment points will be. Please note this this *may* be subject to change, as the course is new in September 2015, and we are still feeling our way!

- Two teachers taking a set
- Each teacher to teach two texts from Group A, one from Group B and one from Group C

### Group A: Exam Texts:

Text 1: *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare (Component 1 at AS, Component 1 at AL)

Text 2: *The Selected Poems of Christina Rossetti* (Component 1 at AS, Component 1 at AL)

Text 3: *The Bloody Chamber* by Angela Carter (Component 2 at AS, Component 2 at AL)

Text 4: *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams (Component 2 at AS, Coursework at AL)

### Group B: Coursework Texts for AL students: *Time Changes Everything*

Text 5: Suggested Choice: *Atonement* by Ian McEwan (Not examined at AS, Coursework at AL)

Text 6: Suggested Choice: *The World's Wife* (Not examined at AS, Coursework at AL)

### Group C: Additional texts taken on in Year 13 – (A Level)

Text 7: *Duchess of Malfi* by John Webster (Component 1 at AL, with Rossetti and Shakespeare)

Text 8: *Dracula* by Bram Stoker (Component 2 at AL with *The Bloody Chamber*) with unseen extracts from Gothic literature (Component 2 at AL)

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Please fill in the following for your records:

#### Group A Texts (Year 12)

Text	Taught By
<i>The Tempest</i> by William Shakespeare	
<i>The Selected Poems of Christina Rossetti</i>	
<i>The Bloody Chamber</i> by Angela Carter	
<i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i> by Tennessee Williams	

#### Group B Texts (Year 12 and 13)

Text	Taught By
<i>Atonement</i> by Ian McEwan	
<i>The World's Wife</i> by Carol Ann Duffy	

#### Group C Texts (Year 13)

Text	Taught By
<i>The Duchess of Malfi</i> by John Webster	
<i>Dracula</i> by Bram Stoker	



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Text 3: *The Bloody Chamber* by Angela Carter (Component 2 at AS, Component 2 at AL)

Text 4: *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams (Component 2 at AS, Coursework at AL)

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Text 5: Suggested Choice: *Atonement* by Ian McEwan (Not examined at AS, Coursework at AL)

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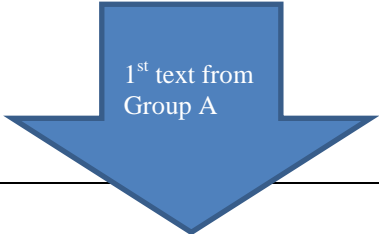
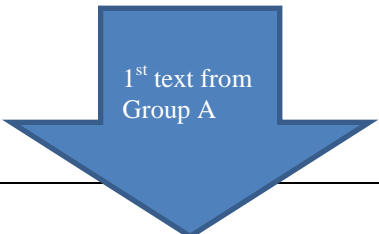
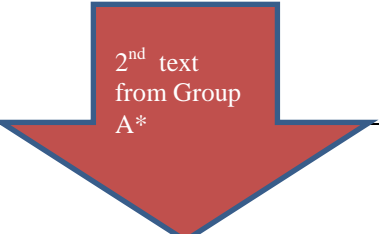
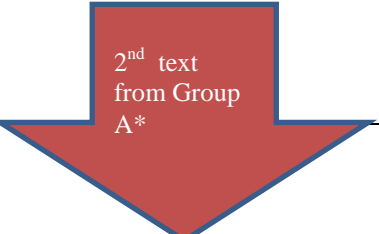
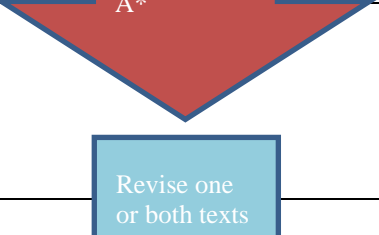
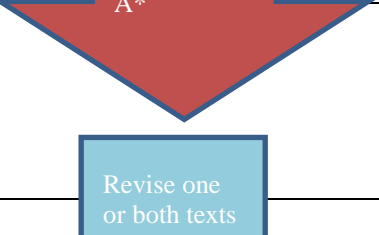
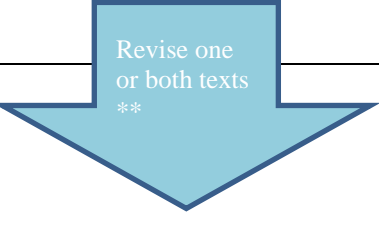
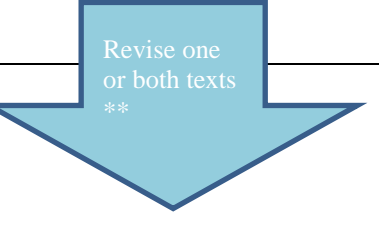
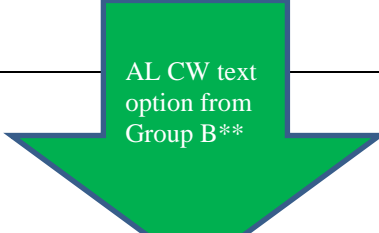
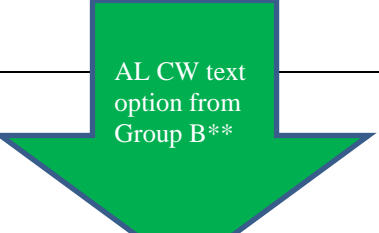
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## A Level English Literature (OCR) Course Structure: Year 12

	Teacher 1	Teacher 2	Assessments (use OCR criteria)
Term 1	 <p>1<sup>st</sup> text from Group A</p>	 <p>1<sup>st</sup> text from Group A</p>	Early in Term 1: Diagnostic assessment on an extract from each first text for each teacher to assess.
Term 2	 <p>2<sup>nd</sup> text from Group A*</p>	 <p>2<sup>nd</sup> text from Group A*</p>	In Term 2: Key assessment of on first texts upon completion of teaching.
Term 3	 <p>2<sup>nd</sup> text from Group A*</p>	 <p>2<sup>nd</sup> text from Group A*</p>	In Term 3: Key assessment of on second texts upon completion of teaching*
Term 4	 <p>Revise one or both texts **</p>	 <p>Revise one or both texts **</p>	
Term 5	<p><b>Straight after Easter: Mock exam on either one or two texts*; AS students go on Study Leave; A2 continue with course.</b></p>		Further mock exam for AS students and mid-course exam for AL students.
Term 6	 <p>AL CW text option from Group B**</p>	 <p>AL CW text option from Group B**</p>	Beginning of CW for each teacher – marks in (possibly time to revise in Term 1 of Year 13) if complete

\*one of the teachers will be revising a text that AL students will cover at CW; Assessment Objectives will be covered in a manner relevant to AS or AL assessment here

\*\* one of the texts will not be an examined text for AL students (but will be a CW text), so AS students will be revising TWO texts, AL one. AL students will use the time to begin to read / research either Task 1 or Task 2 CW authors and texts, depending on which the teacher is covering. There will be an emphasis on independent study here.

\*\*\* the teacher who has taken on the two examined texts will follow with Task 1 CW, the other teacher with the non-examined text, Task 2

**Students will be asked to continue working on coursework tasks over the Summer.**

## Year 13

In Year 13, each set takes an additional text from Group C as well as taking on either two texts from Group A and one text from group B. If they have taken the Component 1 text (*Malfi*), they will go on to revise the other two texts in Component 1; if they have taken the Component 2 text (*Dracula* plus Gothic extracts), they will also revise *The Bloody Chamber*.

	Teacher 1	Teacher 2	Assessments (use OCR criteria)
Term 1	Possible time for completion of Task 1 /2 CW pieces*		In term 1: Final CW marks if not completed in Year 12
Term 2	Text from Group C**	Text from Group C**	In Term 2: Key assessment on each of Group C texts***
Term 3	Revision of texts for Component 1/2 exam	Revision of texts for Component 1/2 exam	In Term 3: Key assessment of <i>either Shakespeare or Unseen Gothic elements of Component 1 or 2 exams</i> ***
Term 4			
Term 5 Term 6	Straight after Easter: Mock exams and diagnostic revision from assessments****		Mock exam: Comparative elements of Component 1 / 2 exams

\* This will have to be completed in consultation with last year's Yr 12 teacher. If teachers are the same, it makes sense for the same teacher to follow the same coursework task through.

\*\* This will either be *Duchess of Malfi* or *Dracula* (including the Unseen Gothic extracts elements)

\*\*\* There should, ideally, be more than one assessment of these components; but there needs to be a key one which is recorded for this term

\*\*\*\* This assessment *could* come before Easter – we may have to be flexible in terms of how it fits it.

## Reference Texts: A Beginner's Guide...

The following list provides you with titles of useful reference on literary criticism. As different sets will be studying different authors, the list does not include works on specific writers. You should see these texts as a way in to literary criticism, which constitutes an important part of your course. Your teachers will provide access to these texts for you. You should also visit a university library or a large book shop to find out about other important titles. If you are looking for a book on a specific theme or writer, many are available in the English Departmental Library in the English Office, but also try using the Internet Public Library web site or alternatively [www.nine.org.uk](http://www.nine.org.uk) which provides access to a wide variety of texts and linking web sites.

*Literature, Criticism and Style*, OUP, Steven Croft and Helen Cross.

*The Cambridge Guide to Literature in English*, Cambridge, Ian Ousby

*Teach Yourself Approaching Literature*, Hodder, Sue Collins

*Literary Criticism*, Edward Arnold (Hodder), Malcom Hicks and Bill Hutchings

*The Oxford Companion to English Literature*, Oxford, Sir Paul Harvey

*The Concise Cambridge History of English Literature*, Cambridge, George Sampson

*Twentieth Century Literary Criticism*, David Lodge

*The Art of the Novel*, Faber & Faber, Milan Kundera

*Literature and Criticism*, Pelican, Helen Coombes

*Seven Types of Ambiguity*, Hogarth Press, William Empson

**Here are some websites recommended by the examining board:**

<http://www.bookspot.com> links to the best book-related sites

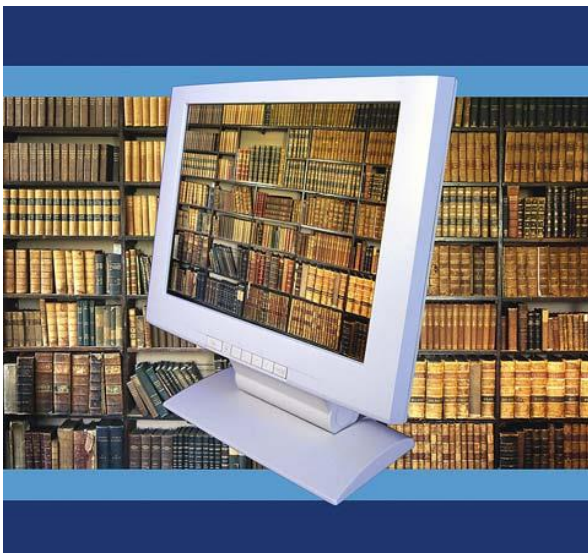
<http://www.bookwire.com> book industry news, features, reviews, etc

<http://www.britishliterature.com> a useful topic/ category organised site

<http://www.purefiction.com> for writers and readers of popular fiction

<http://www-tech.mit.edu/Shakespeare/works.html> the complete works of Shakespeare on the net

<http://www.promo.net/pg> Project Gutenberg: this aims to make every classic book available on the net for free



## Some Possible Reading...

### Prose

#### 21st Century

*Engleby* Sebastian Faulks  
*On Chesil Beach / Atonement* Ian McEwan  
*Never Let Me Go* Kazuo Ishiguro  
*Any Human Heart* William Boyd  
*The Human Stain* Philip Roth  
*Black Swan Green* David Mitchell  
*The Road Home* Rose Tremain

#### 20th Century

*Beloved* Tony Morrison  
*The Handmaid's Tale* Margaret Atwood  
*The English Patient* Michael Ondaatje  
*Possession* A.S. Byatt  
*Remains of the Day* Kazuo Ishiguro  
*The Wasp Factory* Iain Banks  
*Schindler's Ark* Thomas Keneally  
*Rites of Passage* William Golding  
*The French Lieutenant's Woman* John Fowles  
*The Wild Sargasso Sea* Jean Rhys  
*The Unicorn* Iris Murdoch  
*Catch 22* Joseph Heller  
*To Kill a Mockingbird* Harper Lee  
*Lord of the Flies* William Golding  
*Catcher in the Rye* J.D. Salinger  
*1984* George Orwell  
*Brideshead Revisited* Evelyn Waugh  
*Animal Farm* George Orwell  
*The Power and the Glory* Graham Greene  
*Grapes of Wrath* John Steinbeck  
*Brave New World* Aldous Huxley  
*A Farewell to Arms* Ernest Hemingway  
*Goodbye to All That* Robert Graves  
*To the Lighthouse* Virginia Woolf  
*A Passage to India* E.M. Forster  
*Ulysses* James Joyce  
*Women in Love* D.H. Lawrence  
*A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* James Joyce  
*The Rainbow* D.H. Lawrence  
*Dubliners* (short stories) James Joyce  
*Howard's End* E.M. Forster  
*A Room with a View* E.M. Forster  
*Nostromo* Joseph Conrad

#### 19th Century

*The Time Machine* H.G. Wells  
*The Picture of Dorian Grey* Oscar Wilde  
*Tess of the D'Urbervilles* Thomas Hardy  
*Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* R.L. Stevenson  
*Return of the Native* Thomas Hardy  
*Far from the Madding Crowd* Thomas Hardy  
*Under the Greenwood Tree* Thomas Hardy  
*Middlemarch* George Eliot  
*The Moonstone* Wilkie Collins  
*Great Expectations* Charles Dickens

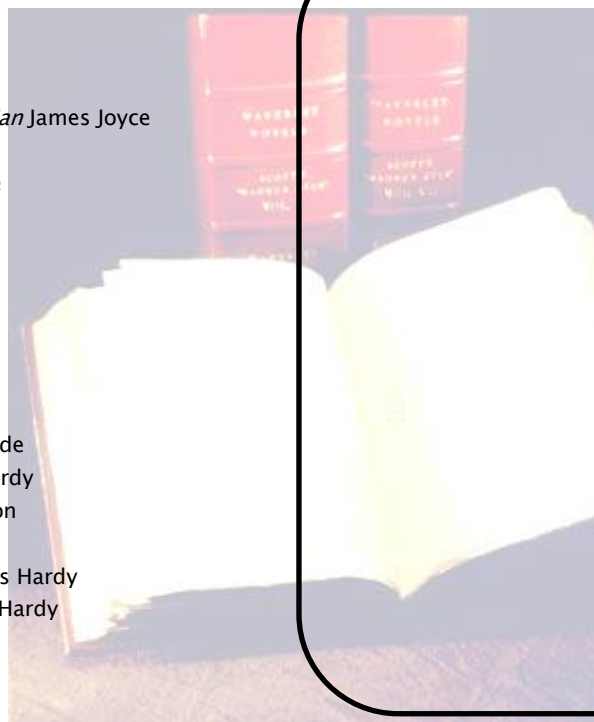
#### (19th C prose contd.)

*Silas Marner* George Eliot  
*Mill on the Floss* George Eliot  
*A Tale of Two Cities* Charles Dickens  
*Barchester Towers* Anthony Trollope  
*Villette* Charlotte Bronte  
*David Copperfield* Charles Dickens  
*Mary Barton* Mrs. Gaskell  
  
*The Tenant of Wildfell Hall* Anne Bronte  
*Wuthering Heights* Emily Bronte  
*Jane Eyre* Charlotte Bronte  
*A Christmas Carol* Charles Dickens  
*Pickwick Papers* Charles Dickens  
*Northanger Abbey, Persuasion, Emma, Mansfield Park, Sense and Sensibility, Pride and Prejudice* Jane Austen  
*Waverley* Walter Scott

#### 18th Century Prose

*Joseph Andrews* Henry Fielding  
*Tom Jones* Henry Fielding  
*Gulliver's Travels* Jonathan Swift  
*Moll Flanders* Daniel Defoe  
*Robinson Crusoe* Daniel Defoe

### Other Recommendations...



## Poetry

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century

*The World's Wife* Carol Ann Duffy

### 20th Century

*The Birthday Letters* Ted Hughes

*Field Work* Seamus Heaney

*High Windows* Philip Larkin

*Thank You, Fog* W.H.Auden

*Crow* Ted Hughes

*The Whitsun Wedding* Larkin

*The Bell Jar* Sylvia Plath

*Hawk in the Rain* Ted Hughes

*Collected Poems* Dylan Thomas

*New Bats in Old Belfries* John Betjamen

*Poems* W.H.Auden

*The Waste Land* T.S.Eliot

*Collected Poems* Thomas Hardy

*Prufrock and Other Observations* T.S.Eliot

### 19th Century

*Adoration of the Magi* W.B.Yeats

*Poems and Ballads* Walter Swinburne

*The Charge of the Light Brigade* Alfred Lord Tennyson

*The Seraphim ...* Elizabeth Barratt Browning

*Prometheus* Shelley

*Childe Harold* Byron

### 18th Century

*The Lyrical Ballads* Wordsworth / Coleridge

*Kubla Khan* Samuel Taylor Coleridge

*Songs of Innocence and Experience* William Blake

*Poetical Sketches* William Blake

*Elegy written in a Country Churchyard* Gray

*The Rape of the Lock* Alexander Pope

### 17th Century

*Paradise Lost* John Milton

*Heroic Stanzas* Dryden

*Collected Poems* John Donne

### 16th Century

*Sonnets* William Shakespeare

*The Fairie Queen* Spenser

*Astrophil and Stella* Sidney

### 14th/15th Century

*Morte d'Arthur* Mallory

*The Canterbury Tales* Chaucer

## Drama

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century

*The History Boys* Alan Bennett

*A Number* Caryl Churchill

### 20th Century

*Writing Home* Alan Bennett

*Talking Heads* Alan Bennett

*Equus* Peter Schaffer

*The Royal Hunt of the Sun* Peter Schaffer

*The Caretaker* Harold Pinter

*The Birthday Party* Harold Pinter

*The Entertainer* John Osborne

*Look Back in Anger* John Osborne

*Billy Liar* Waterhouse / Hall

*The Crucible* Arthur Miller

*Death of a Salesman* Arthur Miller

*A Streetcar Named Desire* Tennessee Williams

*Private Lives* Noel Coward

*Juno and the Paycock* Sean O'Casey

*Playboy of the Western World* J.M.Synge

### 19th Century

*The Importance of Being Earnest* Oscar Wilde

*Arms and the Man* George Bernard Shaw

### 18th Century

*The Rivals* Richard Sheridan

*She Stoops to Conquer* Oliver Goldsmith

*The Beaux Stratagem* George Farquhar

### 17th Century

*The Duchess of Malfi* Webster

*The White Devil* Webster

*Volpone* Ben Jonson

1601–8 Many of Shakespeare's great tragedies

### 16th Century

1593–1600 Many of Shakespeare's great history plays

*The Spanish Tragedy* Kyd

*Doctor Faustus* Christopher Marlowe

1588–92 Shakespeare's early plays

*Everyman*

Other Recommendations...



### **Online**

The English Department have been leading the field in recent years in terms of trialling new ways to open study, assessment and discussion online. We have trialled innovative programs such as *Edmodo* and, more recently *Kaizenai*, as a means of encouraging students to take the study experience beyond the classroom, and find new ways to explore their interpretations of texts studied.

### **Reading Groups**

We currently have reading groups set up for all three areas of the school. Please ask Ms. Williams for details of these. Alternatively, there is plenty of scope now to set up reading groups for texts that relate to this course. Why not talk to your teacher about setting up a group on a social network site like Facebook; or interacting with the @BWSEnglish to discuss exam and coursework texts? These can be utilised in a number of ways.

### **Writing Group**

A weekly writing group, run across the year groups, has been started this year. The aim is to encourage and inspire burgeoning writers, as well as to highlight opportunities and competitions that they can become involved in.

### **Theatre Trips**

When we spot that there's a production on of a play that you're likely to be studying, we'll try our best to organise a trip. In the meantime, why not organise theatre trips between yourselves? There are often discounts to be had for students, and Salisbury Playhouse and other venues further afield put on a regularly changing range of exciting productions. The more experience you have of the theatre, the more you will understand the workings of a drama and stage production.

### **School Productions**

Whether you're involved with 'treading the boards' themselves, or if you prefer to help out backstage, participation in a school production will enable you to take part in and understand the journey from page to stage, and will surely help your study of drama as a genre in the long run.

### **Wordsworth Magazine**

Like the book club, the School Magazine has made great leaps in recent issues. Now in full colour, *Wordsworth* is run by Dr Smallwood and a team of Year 12 and 13 students. You don't have to study English to get involved, but the participation gives you the opportunity explore writing on a variety of styles, chase stories and deadlines, and enjoy working within a tightly knit team on a professional-looking final product.

### **Debating and Public Speaking**

Engaging in the various clubs and activities – currently supervised by Mr. Endersby in the History Department – give you the opportunity to build your confidence as a public speaker and presenter which will, in turn, help you engage in discussion and debate in a more productive way in class. Here, you will also learn skills that will prove invaluable later on in life.