

A-Level English Literature Transition Activities

Hi everyone, Welcome to studying A-Level English Literature at Camp Hill! We are delighted that you have chosen to study with us in the English department. We would like you to get started on some reading, watching and listening over the summer to ensure that you are well prepared, confident and raring to go in September.

1. One of our course set texts is 'Wuthering Heights' by Emily Bronte which we would like you to purchase and read over the summer. We recommend this Wordsworth Classics edition:

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/wuthering-heights/emily-bronte/john-s-whitley/9781853260018>

You could also reserve it at your local library or browse an independent bookshop such as The Heath Bookshop in Kings Heath. You could also listen to the audio book here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/series/p07lbzsq>

2. You may be interested in exploring the novel further. Here's a link to an interestingly irreverent podcast (mild instances of swearing; trigger warnings given at start of podcast):

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/episode-3-wuthering-heights/id1576479805?i=1000530941837>

or https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCeGMto_SbHNzfXjF3V4dPw?app=desktop

A more serious BBC Radio 4 documentary on the novel:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b095ptt5#:~:text=It%20is%20the%20story%20of,she%20can%20never%20marry%20him.>

A video tutorial from the University of Southampton: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMUoWISV2cY>



3. Another course set text is Shakespeare's 'Othello'. We would like you to read this helpful [plot summary](#) and [character summary](#), then watch the fantastic 2013 National Theatre production of the play starring Adrian Lester and Rory Kinnear. Use the information provided in the box to log in and view the production.

https://www.dramaonlinelibrary.com/video?docid=do-9781350935181&tocid=do-9781350935181_6083692843001&st=OTHELLO

Login: **EZ499U**

Password: **BL889N**

Email a.mcdermott@kechg.org.uk if you have any issues viewing the play.

4. We would also like you to think ahead to the non-examined assessment component and dip into some wider reading (see following pages for details).

In the summer term of Year 12, we study Bram Stoker's 'Dracula' or Oscar Wilde's 'The Importance of Being Earnest'. This is so that you explore themes you might be interested in pursuing in your NEA (Independent Comparative Study Essay).

Over the summer holidays, we would like you to browse this reading list. Identify two themes that particularly interest you, and then choose one text from underneath each theme to read in the holidays.

5. Finally, remember you need to do some shopping before you arrive in September. **Please purchase a copy** of the Oxford School Shakespeare: 'Othello' and a copy of 'Wuthering Heights'.

You can support your local independent bookshop by buying from here: <https://uk.bookshop.org/>

If you are in receipt of school bursary, then we will provide these texts for you – email Mrs McDermott at a.mcdermott@kechg.org.uk

