**Preparing for Transition from Key Stage 4 to Key Stage 5**

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| **Subject** | **Qualification** |
| **English Literature** | **A Level** |
| **Recommended Reading Materials** | **Recommended Websites** |
| * CORE TEXTS: Frankenstein - M. Shelley The Handmaid’s Tale - M. Atwood * Related GENRE: Dystopian fiction - Brave New World - Huxley & 1984 - Orwell * Gothic fiction – The Picture of Dorian Gray - Wilde, Jekyll & Hyde - Stephenson, The Bloody Chamber - Carter * General fiction for high achievers to explore: The Lovely Bones, Catcher in the Rye, The Bell Jar, My Sister the Serial Killer, Purple Hibiscus, The Power, Lord of the Flies, Welcome to Lagos * Short stories: The Yellow Wallpaper - Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Roald Dahl short stories, Raymond Carver, Graham Greene, Kate Chopin * POETRY: Carol Anne Duffy - The World’s Wife, Simon Armitage – Lockdown, Plath - Ariel | * Short stories for 16-year olds - [www.storystar.com/stories-subcategory/2/teens](https://www.storystar.com/stories-subcategory/2/teens) * Audiobooks - classics links * YouTube: Plays that the National Theatre are currently showing for free – review three plays (great if one is a tragedy) each one is online for a week |
| **Preparation Tasks** | **Recommended Research** |
| * Read 1 theatre review & comment on it: comment on the writer’s point of view (AO5) copy & paste review & response into a document & repeat for a book (fiction or non-fiction) * Review ONE play (see YouTube NT / Globe productions) * Review ONE novel OR short story collection OR poetry collection. Write a brief summery/ zoom in moment / recommendation at the end. Your piece should be 500 words | * For the play & stories, poetry or novel you have chosen research the background of the production, writer, reception/ literary or dramatic influence (AO3) * Research critical reception (A05). |
| **Recommended trips or visits this Summer** | |
| * Look out for £5 student tickets – National Theatre * National Gallery - free / Portrait Gallery free * The Victoria & Albert – for costume | |
| **Tasks to Complete** | |
| One presentation on an era of English Lit that appeals to you:   * Explore why you chose this era * Bring your presentation for the first week (7slides max) and be prepared to present to your peers. This will need to be 3-5 minutes * You can include clips / pics etc | |