**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

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| **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).
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| **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
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| **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
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