**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**  |
| * **SET TEXTS:**

You will need to know these texts inside out by the end of the course so I suggest over the summer you read these in your own time so you are ready to study them in detail: ‘Heart of Darkness’ by Joseph Conrad, ‘The Lonely Londoners’ by Sam Seldon, ‘Sweat’ by Lynn Nottage, ‘Measure for Measure’ by William Shakespeare, Christina Rossetti’s poetry, ‘Poetry of the Decade’ – anthology of modern poetry, ‘The Great Gatsby’ by F Scott Fitzgerald* For your coursework you will get your own choice of text so it is important you begin reading widely to give you an idea of what text you might choose. Try reading ‘Small Island’ by Andrea Levy, ‘Annie John,’ by Jamaica Kincaid, ‘The Color Purple’ by Alice Walker, ‘White Teeth’ by Zadie Smith, ‘Girl Woman Other’ by Bernadette Evaristo, ‘Beloved’ by Toni Morrison
* **Non-fiction: some useful texts to help you understand the contexts of the text we are studying are ‘King Leopold’s Ghost’ by Adam Hochschild and ‘Black and British’ by David Olusoga**
* POETRY: read a modern poem every day on the Poetry Foundation website: [Poetry Foundation](https://www.poetryfoundation.org/)
 | * Have a go at reading a prize-winning novel from one of the lists below:
* <https://www.costa.co.uk/behind-the-beans/costa-book-awards/welcome>
* <https://carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/>
* <https://thebookerprizes.com/>
* <https://www.womensprizeforfiction.co.uk/>
* Read a modern poem every day on the Poetry Foundation website: [Poetry Foundation](https://www.poetryfoundation.org/)
* Use the Emagazine site to research the areas of literature that interest you.
* [English & Media Centre | emagazine (englishandmedia.co.uk)](https://www.englishandmedia.co.uk/e-magazine/) Log in with these details:
* Username english@ctksfc
* Password english
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| **Preparation Tasks** | **Recommended Research**  |
| * **Read at least one book that challenges you over the summer**! Perhaps try one of the texts suggested above or ask in your local library or bookshop for some recommendations. To do well in English it is essential that you are willing to read widely and develop your own ideas about texts! Write a review of the book you have written and be prepared to share your holiday reading in September.
* Read a **poem** every day of the summer on the Poetry Foundation website [Poetry Foundation](https://www.poetryfoundation.org/) and then choose your favourite out of the new poems you’ve encountered. Write 150 words about why you liked it. Be ready to talk to your fellow students about your choice.
* Read at least 3 articles that interest you from the latest edition of Emagazine, the magazine for A Level English students. [English & Media Centre | emagazine (englishandmedia.co.uk)](https://www.englishandmedia.co.uk/e-magazine/) Log in with these details:

Username english@ctksfcPassword english | * Use the Emagazine site to research the areas of literature that interest you.
* Look up at least one article on the genre of post-colonial literature.
* Use the Poetry Foundation website to research your favourite of the “poems of the day” that you read over the summer.
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| **Recommended trips or visits this Summer** |
| * Look out for £5 student tickets – National Theatre
* £5 tickets to watch plays at Shakespeare’s Globe theatre – standing in the yard
* National Gallery - free / Portrait Gallery – free / Tate Gallery and Tate Modern - free
* The Victoria & Albert – for costume / The British Museum – for culture and history
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| **Tasks to Complete** |
| * Read at least one book that challenges you
* Work through some of the tasks in the transition booklet
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