

A-LEVEL ENGLISH

Welcome to KS5 English.

All of the teachers in the English Department are passionate about great books and reading and you have to be too in order to be successful at A Level. So, just to make sure that the course is right for you, there is a suggested reading list to give you something interesting and challenging to do over the summer. There really is something for everyone, but you won't find any "easy reads". A Level Literature is a big jump from GCSE, therefore it is a good idea to see the level of texts you will be expected to read, independently, over the next two years.

If you're up for a challenge ... read on!

The Summer Reading Challenge

Read, at least, one novel from the list (they will all be readily available from your local library), then choose your favourite and prepare a presentation to give to the class at the start of term.

The presentation need only be **five** minutes long and should include the name of the novel and its author, a brief synopsis, and your comments on the genre, characters, narrative technique and themes.

Equipment List

- Two ring binders, file dividers, A4 lined paper, highlighters, and blue/black ink pens
- In addition, you will be given a reading list, in September, of the texts you will need to purchase for the A Level course.

Have a great summer. Good luck with your GCSE results and happy reading.

'Brooklyn' by Colm Toibin

'Brick Lane' by Monica Ali

'Small Island' by Andrea Levy

'The Secret River' by Kate Grenville

'Americanah' by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

'Lucy' by Jamaica Kincaid

'Angela's Ashes' by Frank McCourt

'Saffron Dreams' by Shaila Abdulla