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Year 13 AS English Literature Compulsory Summer Reading 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to advise pupils who wish to be considered for AS English Literature study in late August 2020, about some important preparatory reading.

It is a requirement that each pupil should complete their reading of *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley during the holiday. Pupils have already begun work on this on Google Classroom, but should complete their initial reading of the novel prior to the start of the course in the new school year.

Pupils should also read and familiarise themselves with the plot and central themes of the play *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams, and the CCEA Robert Frost and Seamus Heaney poetry anthology, which is available on Google Classroom.

Texts can be made available from reception on request, though we would highly encourage pupils to purchase their own copies for making notes, and annotations, if they are able. Purchasing their own copies of the texts would also benefit pupils in light of the logistical issues with regards to access to shared/borrowed books that would be presented by the possibility of a blended home and school learning approach in the new term, and in light of the hygiene concerns which would arise as a result.

- *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley - £2.25 on Amazon ([click here](#)).
- *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams - £6.99 on Amazon ([click here](#)).

There are also some good study guides available for both *Frankenstein* and *A Streetcar Named Desire*, if pupils wish to purchase their own. However, this is **not** a requirement, and copies of both can be borrowed from the library, or from the English department staff.

- *York Notes: Frankenstein* - £6.50 on Amazon ([click here](#)).
- *Study and Revise: A Streetcar Named Desire* - £9.32 on Amazon ([click here](#)).

We hope this information will enable the new, prospective English Literature AS pupils to be well prepared and ready for a challenging course ahead. It is worth emphasising that one of the aims of the CCEA Revised Specification for A Level is, 'to allow students to develop as discerning readers, capable of independent and critical research'. We hope that pupils will enjoy delving into the works of Shelley, Williams, Frost and Heaney as much as we do.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the work of the English Department during these challenging times.

Kind regards,

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Mrs E Graham

Head of English and Drama