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### Year 13 AS English Literature – Summer Reading 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to advise pupils who wish to be considered for AS English Literature in 2021 about some important preparatory reading.

Pupils should read and familiarise themselves with the play *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams, the CCEA Robert Frost and Seamus Heaney poetry anthology (available on Google Classroom - *igopjpk*), and the novel *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley.

We strongly encourage pupils to purchase their own copies of both of these class texts for making notes, and annotations. Purchasing their own copies would also benefit pupils in light of the hygiene concerns and current PHA guidance regarding COVID-19 with regards to access to shared/borrowed materials and books.

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

- *Study and Revise: A Streetcar Named Desire* ([click here](#)).
- *York Notes: Frankenstein* ([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 Williams, Frost, Heaney and Shelley 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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