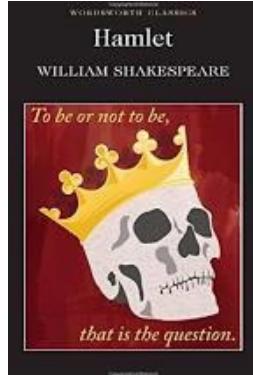
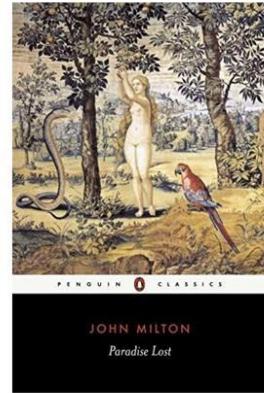
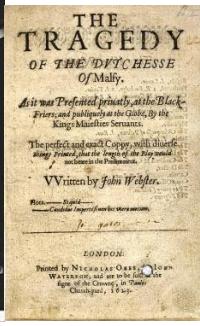
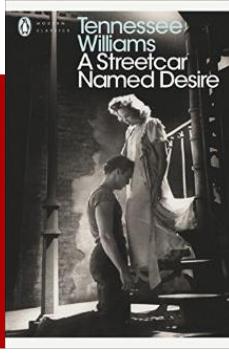
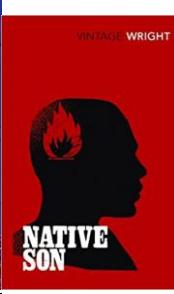
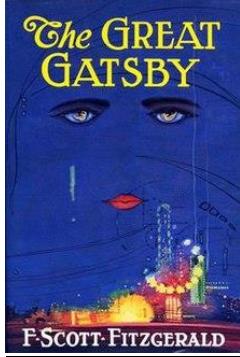




Welcome to A Level English Literature



What you can read:

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams

Paradise Lost Books IX & X by John Milton

Hamlet by William Shakespeare

Native Son by Richard Wright

The Duchess of Malfi by John Webster

It goes without saying that reading is a crucial part of studying English Literature, so reading these prior to starting your course will put you in a very advantageous position (I would start with Hamlet and A Streetcar Named Desire)

Link to OCR Specification: <https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/english-literature-h072-h472-from-2015/#as-level>

What you can watch:

Here is a link to a selection of TED Talks on The Power of Fiction:

https://www.ted.com/playlists/346/the_power_of_fiction_1

It may be worth getting hold of a copy of a screening of *Hamlet* to aid your understanding of the play. Recommended versions include:

The RSC – Hamlet (Paapa Essiedu)

The RSC – Hamlet (David Tennant)

What are some of the topics and skills that you will cover:

Below are some of the topics and skills that we will cover in September and October:

Topics	Relevant skills to the topic
Introduction to Renaissance Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Understanding of genre conventions and literary tradition/movements.- Establishing key terms and ideas/concepts.
Literary Context – American Literature	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Critical thinking and analysis- Understanding literary change and influences
Why do we Study Literature?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Critical and abstract thinking- Debate and communication- Logical and theoretical reasoning
Genre Conventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Understanding differing literary styles and their significance- Close analysis- Comparative understanding of texts and genres

One of the first topics we will be discussing ‘why we study literature’, but what might be useful for you to consider before you start the year is the question ‘why do you read?’. Bring in your favourite books or reasons why reading is important to you, ready to discuss.

Contact information

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We look forward to seeing you in September.