

## Year 12 English Language and Literature Summer Work

Please read as much as you can before starting Year 12. This should primarily be good fun but should also be challenging! Do step out of your comfort zone and experience a mix of prose, poetry and drama. Most of all, enjoy your reading!

### **Summer Activities**

All three activities below should be completed and brought to your first Year 12 Lang/Lit lessons.

#### **1. Drama in Performance Task:**

Watch a performance of a play of your choice.

Log-on to <https://edu.digitaltheatreplus.com> to help.

User: student.hhs Pass: women@4744

If you have Amazon Prime you can also search for 'Great British Theatre' to find some performances from The National Theatre.

**Make notes on the performance, outlining 10 key decisions made by the director and/or individual actors to create an effective performance for the audience.** Consider the use of voice, movement, costume, set, special effects, music etc. *Example: The director has placed the character of Jim to be physically lower than his wife Sarah in order to portray the power dynamic in the relationship. During the argument in the Second Act, Sarah was standing throughout, whereas Jim was sitting at the kitchen table. Similarly, at the end of the play Sarah stood up and left, reflecting her character's success, whereas Jim remained sat on the steps outside their home, reflecting his defeat.*

#### **2. Independent Prose Reading Task:**

**Choose a novel to read over the Summer and write a 300 word literary review.**

This should cover:

- Why did you select the book?
- A brief outline of the plot (without revealing the conclusion!)
- What you enjoyed about the text.
- Any evaluative comments you can make- E.g., was there anything you did not particularly enjoy?
- The key themes.
- Any critical opinions or alternative interpretations that you think are relevant.

You should choose a book that interests you and that you will enjoy- **this can be from any genre.**

#### **3. Exploring Poetry Task:**

**Read 2-3 poems by a poet of your choice and write a brief literary review.**

This should cover:

- Why you selected the poet
- A brief summary of the poems you have read - title/key themes/what are the poems about
- Similarities and differences between the poems you have chosen - common themes, similar uses of language or structure etc.
- What you liked about the text
- Any evaluative comments you can make- E.g., was there anything you did not particularly enjoy?
- The key themes.
- Any critical opinions or alternative interpretations that you think are relevant.