

English Department

Year 12 Joining Instructions for 2023

Welcome to the English Department. As you have chosen one of the subjects we offer, there are a few things you need to prepare yourselves for your courses. The book lists below are the course texts and you will be expected to have them for the start of the academic year; students who read ahead are at a distinct advantage. However, if there is some likelihood that you may not get the prerequisite grades at GCSE English and English Literature, you may wish to buy them once you know the results.

Books you need to buy or borrow:

You will need a CLEAN copy of each exam text, which contain no notes or critical guidance. Previous students have found it helpful to have two copies of each text; one for exams (you cannot annotate at all) and one for class, which can be annotated and has many helpful notes. The table below has a list of texts that you HAVE to have and others that we recommend as being helpful for class notes.

Prescribed Editions	Helpful Editions
A Level English Literature (Pearson-Edexcel)	
Beloved, Toni Morrison, Vintage Classics (ISBN 978-0099511656)	Beloved, Toni Morrison, Penguin Classics (ISBN: 9781784876432)
The Picture of Dorian Gray, Oscar Wilde, Wordsworth Classics, (978-1853260155)	The Portrait of Dorian Gray, Oscar Wilde, Norton (ISBN 978-0393927542)
A Streetcar Named Desire, Tennessee Williams Penguin Modern Classics, 2009 (ISBN 9780141190273)	
Poems of the Decade: An Anthology of the Forward Books of Poetry 2002-2011, Faber & Faber (ISBN 978-0571325405)	
Othello, William Shakespeare, Wordsworth Classics Edition (ISBN 978-1853260186)	Othello, William Shakespeare, Arden Edition (978-1903436455)
Wife of Bath's Prologue and Tale, Cambridge University Press; Updated edition (ISBN-10: 131661560X)	

Students may also find York Notes Advanced or <http://www.sparknotes.com/> a helpful way in to some difficult analysis.

Things you need to do:

- Please read the booklet of summer tasks and complete them for September. This is compulsory and will form important knowledge for the start of the course. Please bring your completed tasks to your first English lesson in September.
- Please access your school email and use the email that will be sent to you to join google classroom for next year. You can also access google classroom directly at:
<https://classroom.google.com/>

What to do if things go wrong:

Don't panic. Talk to Miss Corbishley – Head of Key Stage 5 English
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