

Clitheroe Royal Grammar School Sixth Form: Transition Pack

Welcome to English Language & Literature Combined



We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to the Sixth Form.

This Transition Pack contains information to support your transition from GCSE to A Level study.

Please read all the documents ready to begin Year 12:

- Independent Learning in English Language & Literature Combined
- English Language & Literature Combined Introductory Tasks
- ✓ **Read the Subject Information Sheet** which is available here: [CRGS Sixth Form Subject Sheet - English Combined](#)
- ✓ **Download the exam board specification** which is available here: [AQA A Level English Language and Literature](#)
- ✓ **Read the section called 'Specification at a Glance'**, focusing on the A Level content.
- ✓ Some of these resources will become more useful when you have moved further through the course, such as the A Level specification, so store them where you can revisit them over the next 2 years.
- ✓ Don't worry if some of the work sounds challenging. A Level work is more difficult than GCSE work after all. Your teachers will be supporting you through this transition. Please talk to us if you are unsure about any aspect of the course.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

English Department

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A Level – English Language & Literature Combined

Tips and suggestions for the first few weeks of the course

Grammar practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brush up on your grammar if you find this area to be weaker.• There are many different websites you can look at for tutorials but start with: http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/english<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Work your way through the different 'word grammar' and 'sentence grammar' sections, reading the fact sheets, completing the work sheets and taking the quizzes.• Listen to TED talks on grammar to widen your understanding of the subject. This enables you to see what other people's perspectives are. You can listen to them online or download the app. Follow these links to get you started: https://www.ted.com/topics/literature http://blog.ed.ted.com/2014/05/29/be-a-better-writer-in-15-minutes-4-ted-ed-lessons-on-grammar-and-word-choice/
Suggested reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'The Handmaid's Tale', Margaret Atwood• 'A Streetcar Named Desire', Williams• 'The Great Gatsby', Scott Fitzgerald• 'Words, Words, Words', David Crystal• The poetry of Robert Browning
Useful websites	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/launch_tl_ages_english.shtml• Back issues of: http://www.worldwidewords.org/• https://www.sporcle.com/games/spoodrunbkbk/english-language-a-level-terminology• Newspaper websites to stay abreast of topics• https://www.poetry.com/ - good for Browning's poems• https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLZbXA4lyCtqoaeZJCldboGekWdqUHy9RT• https://www.lonelyplanet.com/ - you will be studying non fiction travel journalism amongst other things.

Unless you specifically want to, we do not suggest buying the books listed above. They can be expensive. Many can be borrowed from CRGS Sixth Form Library. Books can also be reserved and borrowed free of charge from most local libraries.

A Level – English Language & Literature Combined Introductory Tasks

Welcome to the English Department!

Core Tasks	<p>During the A-Level course, you will study poetry, novels, drama texts, pre-1900 and post-2000 texts. In order to prepare for the first few weeks of the course, we would like you to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Read as much of ‘The Handmaid’s Tale’ as possible – The more you read, the easier you will find the transition.○ Familiarise yourself with the works of Robert Browning○ Listen to some TED Talks on linguistic analysis of literature. You can listen to them online or download the app: https://www.ted.com/topics/literature○ Take notice of the world of words and the language you use every day – you will need to learn a range of terminology to analyse texts so the sooner you are thinking about it, the better!
Possible additional tasks:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Read some Robert Browning poetry. We suggest: <i>My Last Duchess, The Laboratory, Cristina, Porphyria’s Lover.</i>○ Read widely – a range of non-fiction and fiction texts will broaden your horizons and allow you to develop your understanding of a wide range of genres.○ We suggest buying copies of the core texts so that you can annotate them whilst reading. These are:○ ‘The Handmaids Tale’ by Margaret Atwood.○ ‘A Streetcar Named Desire’ by Tennessee Williams○ ‘The Great Gatsby’, Scott Fitzgerald <p><i>You don’t need brand new copies – second hand are absolutely fine!</i></p>
Useful websites if you want to do some further research:	<p>www.britishlibrary.com www.bibliomania.com www.litcharts.com www.literaryhistory.com https://www.lonelyplanet.com/</p>