



A level
**English
Literature**
induction @
NDHS

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Literature @ NDHS

An overview of the course



Who we are

- We are an experienced group of subject experts who have taught this course since the start of the specification
- You will be taught by two teachers who split the course evenly between them
- We have an excellent track record of results and Oxbridge and Russell Group admissions



AQA 'A' specification

- We study a wide range of poetry, prose and drama
- The course is split into three key areas:
 - *Love Through the Ages*
 - *Modern Times*
 - *NEA [coursework]*
- It's assessed via one comparative essay as coursework, and two exams at the end of Year 13.



The texts we teach

Knowledge and expertise

The texts you study will vary depending on who teaches you, to ensure you get the best teaching possible.

However, typical texts include:

- ❖ *Othello* (Shakespeare)
- ❖ *Rebecca* (du Maurier)
- ❖ *Atonement* (McEwan)
- ❖ *The Great Gatsby* (Fitzgerald)
- ❖ *Feminine Gospels* (Duffy)
- ❖ *Revolutionary Road* (Yates)
- ❖ *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* (Williams)
- ❖ *Antigone* (Sophocles)
- ❖ *A Doll's House* (Ibsen)

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Induction activity

A taster of typical Literature work



Experiments: language and form

- Over the A level course, you will need to look at texts **critically**
- This may mean reading existing academic commentary, but it will mainly involve you developing a **confident, analytical voice**
- One way of doing this is by dissecting a text. On the next slide, we will do this with an 'unseen' poem.



Traveling Through the Dark (Stafford)

- This poem has had its line breaks removed.
- Using the shared Google Doc, put a / in where you think a line break should be. How does it change your understanding of the poem?

[Click here](#) to view and add your line breaks to the poem.

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Prep for September

Wider reading and cultural capital



Reading more fiction

You will be introduced to a wide range of novels and short stories from 1945 to the present day. This is part of the unseen prose unit. **Read at least one modern novel** from the lists suggested in the accompanying pack entitled *Making the Leap: Moving from GCSE to A Level Literature study*. There are some prize-winning novels suggested on page 17 of this pack. Additional book recommendations can be found on page 12. You could consider reading some short stories too: see page 22.

You should also try reading **one nineteenth-century novel**; a good starting point can be found by clicking [here](#).



What else could I do to prepare? (1/2)

We would recommend watching *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* by Tennessee Williams. Classes study this text in Year 13. You will also study a Shakespeare text; there are a number available online via National Theatre Live. Take the opportunity to explore some of the other plays on here too. There are some excellent productions of *Jane Eyre* and *Small Island*.

Access via: www.dramaonlinelibrary.com

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What else could I do to prepare? (2/2)

- Read some articles from [emagazine](#), the online publication for A level English Literature students (see p. 8 for guidance)
 - **Username:** NDHS **Password:** emagazine
- Explore the British Library website (see p. 23)
- Read some poetry (see p. 7)
- Listen to some literary podcasts (see p. 20)
- Watch some lectures on [MASSOLIT](#)
 - To log in, create an account with your NDHS email address on the left-hand/green side of the screen.



Not work, but prep.

Please note that we're not expecting you to produce any written work before you start the course. Instead, we'd like you to engage in some relevant, wider reading and to enjoy exploring some of the resources that will help you to succeed.



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Any questions?

Open forum and contact details



Questions?

Chat box/unmute

You can ask any questions now by using the chat function or by raising your hand and unmuting.

Email

Alternatively, you can email one of us before the summer break:

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