

## A-Level English Literature

You have already had access to induction material, preparing tasks for the July induction day. In addition the following need to be completed over the summer and brought with you in September.

### Task One: resources

Now is a good time to engage with some of the multi-media literature resources available to you on the internet. You could do some of the following and be ready to show your teacher evidence of what you have been looking at when we return:

- Twitter – follow writers and academics who blog and post about literature.
- Listen to TED talks on literature and 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:

[TED Talks: literature](#)

[TED-Ed Blog: be a better writer...](#)

- [The British Library](#)

The website is a fantastic resource for literature students, as it includes historical information about writers’ lives and times, and also articles that academics have written about the texts. Research the texts outlined in the course overview and see what you can find out!

### Task Two: [the Royal Shakespeare Company](#)

Theatres might currently be closed, but you can watch many RSC productions for free on BBC iPlayer (Macbeth, Hamlet, Romeo & Juliet, Much Ado About Nothing, Othello and the Merchant of Venice) and Marquee TV (18 different productions and you can sign up for a 14 day free trial).



Choose one of Shakespeare’s plays that interests you and read it. Then watch one of the free productions and write as response to the following task:

*How does modern performance highlight and emphasise Shakespeare’s ideas?*

You might want to think about:

- how close was the production to the way you imagined the performance when you read the play?
- what choices did the director / actors make that illuminated ideas and meanings that you’d not noticed in your reading of the text?
- how did the production influence the way you thought about the text?

**Have a good summer and we look forward to seeing you in September**

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