A-Level English Literature Transition Activities

Hi everyone,

Welcome to studying A-Level English Literature at Camp Hill! We are delighted that you have chosen to study with us in the English department. We would like you to get started on some reading and listening over the summer to ensure that you are well prepared, confident and raring to go in September!

1. One of our course set texts is 'Wuthering Heights' by Emily Bronte which we would like you to read over the summer. We recommend this Wordsworth Classics edition:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Wuthering-Heights-Wordsworth-Classics-Bront%C3%AB/dp/1853260010

or (if you prefer to avoid Amazon)

https://www.waterstones.com/book/wuthering-heights/emily-bronte/john-s-whitley/9781853260018

You could also reserve it at your local library or browse an independent bookshop such as The Heath Bookshop in Kings Heath or The Bookshop on the Green in Bournville.

2. You could also listen to the audio book here:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/series/p07lbzsq

3. You may be interested in exploring the novel further. Here's a link to an interestingly irreverent podcast (mild instances of swearing; trigger warnings given at start of podcast):

https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/episode-3-wuthering-heights/id1576479805?i=1000530941837

or

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCeGMto_SbHNzfXjF3V4dPw?app=desktop

A more serious BBC Radio 4 documentary on the novel:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b095ptt5#:~:text=It%20is%20the%20story%20of,she%20can% 20never%20marry%20him.

A video tutorial from the University of Southampton:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMUoWISV2cY

4. We would also like you to think ahead to the non-examined assessment component and dip into some wider reading (see following pages for details).

In the summer term of Year 12, we study Bram Stoker's 'Dracula' or Oscar Wilde's 'The Importance of Being Earnest'. This is so that you explore themes you might be interested in pursuing in your NEA (Independent Comparative Study Essay).

Over the summer holidays, we would like you to browse this reading list. Identify two themes that particularly interest you, and then choose one text from underneath each theme to read in the holidays.