


# SIXTH FORM SUMMER TRANSITION TASK

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|  | <b><u>ENGLISH LITERATURE</u></b>   |                          |
|  | <b><u>Qualification Level</u></b>  | A-Level                  |
|  | <b><u>Exam Board/ Syllabus</u></b> | Edexcel                  |
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Welcome to English Literature! We are delighted that you are considering joining us on this course. It is a really exciting opportunity to study a range of texts and develop your knowledge and skills, as well as your passion for literature.

For more information about the [Edexcel A Level English Literature course](#), use the link attached and open the specification.

Reading independently will prepare you well for the course and we encourage you to read as widely as possible over the summer, including novels, plays, short stories and poetry. We'd also like you to come in September ready to do the following three simple tasks:

## **Task 1: Between the Covers**

(Based on the BBC2 show: if you haven't seen it there is an episode on Youtube that should give you a flavour of what it is all about: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2cxiw1OnIE>)

**Come prepared in the first week with a book pick – something that you want to recommend to the rest of the group. You should be ready to explain a bit about it (no spoilers though!) and tell us why you think we should read it.**

## **Task 2: This Be The Verse**

Similar to task 1 – bring in a favourite poem that you want to recommend to the rest of the group. Tell us a bit about the poet and what the poem means to you. The [Poetry Foundation](#) website is a good place to browse poems by theme or perhaps look for another poem by your favourite of the GCSE anthology poets.

## **Task 3: Short story**

Read [The Werewolf by Angela Carter](#) (online text)

**Come to the first lesson prepared to discuss it.**

Please get in touch if you have questions or have any issues accessing the resources. Some information to help you to prepare for September: - You will need to buy copies of the following:

- *Poems of the Decade: An Anthology of the Forward Books of Poetry*
- *Home Fire* by Kamila Shamsie
- *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams. (We use the Penguin edition of 'A Streetcar Named Desire', so please choose that one.)

You should be able to get the books cheaply online and may be able to find good quality second hand copies. Please let us know if there are any problems with buying these.

Please read 'A Streetcar Named Desire'. It is a great play and isn't very long. You will really enjoy it! There will be another couple of books to buy in preparation for September. We will let you know the details of those in the next couple of weeks.