Summer 2016

Dear Student,

I am excited to welcome you to advanced study of English Literature.

A-Level English Literature is a challenging but hugely rewarding subject. In your lessons you should expect to discuss everything from the rights and wrongs of regicide to the difficulties of finding yourself married to a man that you can’t stand. We will be engaging with problems and exploring situations similar to those that you find and will find yourselves confronted with throughout your lives. It is an exciting subject.

Over the next two years, you will study the following material:

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| Poetry | *Selected Poems* | John Keats |
| *The Whitsun Weddings* | Philip Larkin |
| *Mean Time* | Carol Ann Duffy |
| Drama | *King Lear* | William Shakespeare |
| *The Duchess of Malfi* | John Webster |
| *A Streetcar Named Desire* | Tennessee Williams |
| Prose | *White Teeth* | Zadie Smith |
| *Wide Sargasso Sea* | Jean Rhys |

You will develop your analytic skills and expand your vocabulary. You will be taught how to develop and sustain arguments. You will practise writing elegantly and with precision. You will have fun and you will make friends.

I can’t wait to get started.

Sincerely,

Dr C Mechie

English Key Stage 5 Co-ordinator.