

Dear Parents and Carers,

A2 Level English Literature : AQA 7717 NEA

Summer Work 2018

Non Examined Assessment (NEA)

In Year 13 students submit two pieces of coursework which together make up 20% of the marks at A2. These two pieces of 1,500 words are on a text and critical school chosen by the student and approved by the teacher. One piece is on a poetry text. One piece is on a prose text. Students are given the AQA Critical Anthology to guide them as part of this preparation.

Following on from lessons in term 6 preparing them for this task, students must:

- use the summer to read and select two appropriate texts : one poetry; one prose. Topics chosen might include reviewing 'Pride and Prejudice' by Jane Austen as a feminist text, using Marxist analysis to analyse the poetry in Simon Armitage's 'Out of the Blue', applying eco-critical approaches to Conrad's 'Heart of Darkness' or Wordsworth's 'Prelude'.
- collect examples from relevant critics and writers responding to their chosen texts from within the AQA Critical Anthology and in other places.
- frame an outline analytical question for their text using their chosen relevant critical school.

On their return, students will need to confirm their text and critical school choices with staff and gain approval for these. They will also need to refine the exact question which is the focus of their investigation with staff help before beginning to plan their writing.

We very much look forward to reviewing the pieces proposed by and researched by our students in September.

Paper Two Set Texts

Students also need to read our Paper Two set texts over the summer:

'Atonement' by Ian McEwan , Vintage paperback edition

'Hamlet' by Shakespeare, Oxford paperback edition

These can be bought from the school for £14.50 via Scopay or by bringing in a crossed cheque for this amount payable to Hayesfield School. Alternatively, students can purchase their own copies for annotation and detailed study. Clean , unannotated copies will be provided by the school for the exam to meet AQA examination rubric requirements.

With very best wishes for an excellent summer,

Yours faithfully,

Mrs F Bryden
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