

Summer Activity for new sixth form students wishing to study English Literature.

Over the summer please read *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini. This is a set text for the course and work on the book will begin in the autumn term. There will be lessons at the start of the term to check your knowledge and understanding of this text.

Also try to read at least two of the following books. They are not set texts on the course but are of a comparable difficulty and complexity to those that will be studied. This reading will give you are good insight to the types of issues and ideas that you will be dealing with on the A level course. Also you may be able to use your two chosen texts to complete the coursework element of the A level.

Of the two books read select a passage from one of them to bring with you at the start of the new term. Be prepared to discuss your reasons for choosing it with the rest of the class. Don't feel you have to have some deep intellectual insight into the novel and its themes; if you have great, but your reason for picking it might be that you liked it. Try to find a passage of about 300 words in length, so about a page, but shorter will be fine.

Enjoy the summer!

*A Room with a View* E.M. Forster

*The Great Gatsby* F. Scott Fitzgerald

*The Kite Runner* Khaled Hosseini

*The Wasp Factory* Iain Banks

*Jane Eyre* Charlotte Bronte

*The Catcher in the Rye* J.D. Salinger

*Anita and Me* Meera Syal

*The Buddha of Suburbia* Hanif Kureishi

*The Book Thief* Markus Zusak

*Rebecca* Daphne Du Maurier

*Silas Marner* George Eliot

*The Lord of the Flies* William Golding

*Decline and Fall* Evelyn Waugh

*1984* George Orwell

*Saturday* Ian McEwan

*The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy* Douglas Adams

*The Handmaid's Tale* Margaret Atwood

*The Accidental Tourist* Anne Tyler

*Restless* William Boyd

